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Nintendo provides students with a healthy break from cramming. The excitement of a game of NBA Jams has been known to send grown men into fits of yelling and screaming like children.

Students are anxious to take any opportunity to forget about the mountains of work they're carrying on their backs. Settings, such as Seymour's, provides mentally drained men and women a chance to recharge.



Southern Miss students are finding new ways to

Take a break

by Greg Lee



Greg Lee



Mark Lee

The halls of our university have, for over the last 85 years, served as a place for some of the brightest and most talented young minds to learn lessons that have shaped their futures and made our world a better place to live. Whether it's in College Hall or Cook Library, students have come to grasp concepts that they've carried with them wherever the great adventure of life has led.

However, there's more to education than books, classes and lectures. As a matter of fact, some of the best lessons taught in college don't come with a textbook and aren't followed by an exam.

For most students, college is their first time away from home and their first opportunity to find out "who they are." This learning experience includes spending time with friends and finding ways to relieve the mountain of stress that bears down on them.

Southern Miss students have made this quest for relief from the stresses of school into an art. The key is discovering alternative ways to spend free time and recharge, both mentally and physically.

Technology also affects the way those extra hours are spent. A popular pastime for many students is playing Nintendo or Sega with a bunch of friends.

"It's a great study break to play a game of NBA Jams," said Mark Vaughn, senior history major. "If we have a study group, we use it as a way to reward ourselves after a long session."

A favorite place on campus that has become a social and recreational mecca is the Payne Center. Although it was designed to provide students with a variety of methods of exercise, it has gone beyond that. Many students go to the Payne Center with a friend and combine the time they spend get

ting in shape with a chance to socialize.

"Most people come in to work out in pairs," said Ryan Walker, facility supervisor at the Payne Center.

"It's a combination of needing motivation to keep working out and enjoying someone's company during the workout."

A popular off-campus gathering spot,

though one might not expect it, is the International House of Pancakes. Perhaps because of its location or extended hours of operation, IHOP has become a haven for what often begins as a study group for exams and ends as a social jam session. For that reason, the fire at the Hardy street IHOP in December quickly became a hot piece of news on campus. There's no doubt that Southern Miss students will continue to discover new and even more interesting places to gather.

No matter what the location or activity, it seems that the key to students having fun in a social setting is the people they are with. Beyond a good time, our friends help us through the toughest times and provide a sounding board for our new ideas. They provide us with friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.



Greg Lee

The fire at the IHOP has left many students in search of a new late night study hall and hang out. No announcement has been made about the future of the restaurant.



Sophomore radio, television and film major **Chris Hicks** shows just how far he'll go to make **Kim Barnes**, a junior psychology major, happy. Risking embarrassment in hopes of finding the right person is a scary part of looking for love.

Disguised as Seymour, David Bundy surprises Southern Miss photo journalism grad student **Lisa Munsch** with a proposal and an engagement ring during halftime of a basketball game.



We're all looking for that one relationship that's

Meant to be

by Greg Lee

They, more than anyone else, are a part of who we are. His girlfriend likes that shirt on him so he wears it. Her boyfriend likes her hair like that so she puts it up. He buys her roses for no reason. She gives him a card just to say "I love you." Whether seen as a beautiful ritual or a disgusting show of public affection, love is alive and well on campus.

There are several reasons that affection seems to blossom on a college campus. For some students it is because they are finally out from under the wings of their parents, and they need to be able to share the struggles of being on their own with someone. Perhaps it's simply that they don't meet the right person until college.

As if the stresses of studying for exams, writing papers and participating in campus activities were not enough, many students, like gluttons for punishment, drive themselves crazy in pursuit of "Mr. or Miss Right."

No matter how couples meet or how their relationship starts out, it becomes the most important part of life. In the crazy, ever changing world of college life, it is important to have one constant. Who else would be the first one called when there's good news. Where, after all, is the first shoulder that's looked for to cry on.

"My boyfriend and I are both from Illinois so it's great that we're both in school here," said junior Joy Autery, an mis major. "Apart from saving on the phone bill, he's always here for me. I never get homesick with him around."

Sometimes it seems relationships are more trouble than they're worth. After all, they see us at our worst, and occasionally things that are not truly meant get said. Feelings get hurt, and sometimes that means a new start. This includes getting back into the dating scene. To some, it's

fun, but to others it's their worst nightmare. However, some of the events that happen on these dates can be hilarious, touching or even educational.

"I've learned what he's got a great personality really means," said one student who insisted on anonymity. "It means if you go on a date with him and live to tell about it, you deserve a medal."

Everyone has heard the stories of heartache and has one or two of their own. But in the end, it's the stories with happy endings that are the best. Out of a simple smile across the room or an invitation to dinner, a love grows that often survives through one of life's toughest tests...college. Because of these happy endings, people keep trying. The ability of the human heart to persevere and heal itself becomes evident, and we simply fight on.

Everyone is really waiting for the same person. The person who knows the real us; that someone who knows our faults and looks beyond them, or better yet, loves us because of them. Once they find that special someone, they'll know it's the relationship that's meant to be.



Tommy White

Mauricio Alfaro tries to woo Maria Quintanilla by serenading her - just another example of the lengths men and women go to for each other.



Greg Lee



Kevin Launius



Junior Kinesiotherapy major **Lanita Amerson** rings up a sale for **Stacy Hooper**, a senior marketing major in the campus convenience and video store. On-campus jobs are popular with students because of their proximity to classes and flexible hours of operation.

Union facility manager **Terrance Williams**, an mis major, answers a question over the phone. Facility managers are responsible for setting up meeting rooms and equipment used for events held in the union as well as managing the building during the evening hours.



Learn a lesson

by Greg Lee



Greg Lee



Missy Risher

"Would you like fries with that?" "Do you prefer those in paper or plastic bags?" Familiar questions to many college students - not because they're often asked them, but because they are the ones asking the questions.

Part-time jobs are more than commonplace for most college students. They are accepted as a necessary part of life. USM students over the past few years have benefitted from Hattiesburg's economic growth. Whether it's at the Turtle Creek Mall, Wal-Mart Supercenter or at any of the local restaurants, it's not hard to find a Southern Miss student hard at work.

When searching for a job most students have to deal with that familiar cycle. How do you get a decent job without experience, and how do you get experience without a job?

Along with these jobs come some extras-both good and bad. Those of us who are lucky or know the right places to look might end up with jobs that could lead to careers. It's these people who usually end up with more good stories than bad ones.

"Working at Lake Sehoy has given me great opportunities," said Matt Duke, junior recreation major. "It's given me experience in my field of study that I can use after I graduate to find a job."

Students preparing for a career in the medical field might work at one of the many healthcare facilities in town. Those majoring in marketing or management may work at a retail store.

Then there are those who aren't quite lucky enough to find a job in their chosen field. So they put on their hats and vests or tie on their bowties and aprons. They serve the best meals available and make sure everything

that shoppers may need is on the shelf. With these jobs come the late nights, overbearing bosses, cranky customers, long lines and messy cleanups.

"On one hand there's the paycheck and getting to meet people," said Brian Reed, senior English major of his job at a retail clothing store. "But on the down side, I'm not gaining experience I can use even though I have to dress up every day and deal with angry customers."

Nonetheless, no matter how bad the job, it almost always seems worth it come pay day. Whether it's to pay rent, go shopping or pay a cover charge on Thursday night, the money can always be put to use.

Often, the one thing students look forward to less than classes is going to work. That's not always a bad thing though. A low-paying part-time job sometimes serves as just the right motivation for a student to get a degree.

Plus, through all the backaches and doubleshifts, some lessons are learned. These lessons enhance the importance of receiving a degree and last a lifetime.



Mark Lee

Lab technician **Wesley Rogers**, a freshman biology major, assists professors and graduate students with research.





Beezie Marino and John Burks of UAC get students involved in a massive game of Twister during Southern Pride '95.

Living the Campus Life Vision

by Rusty W. Spell

For many students, college means leaving home, family and friends for the first time. Fortunately, life at USM is such that there are countless places to go, activities to participate in and people to be with.

Whether it's stuffing displays for homecoming, listening to local bands, watching a UAC movie, attending a religious function, campaigning for student elections, cheering at a pep rally or simply watching television with friends, there is always something to do on campus.

With the Payne Center, the RHA Activity Center and the Student Union, students don't have to leave campus to find a place to socialize. There is always somewhere to spend time with friends.

"If there's one thing I can say about campus life here, it's that no one has any excuse for being bored," said Melanie Bradshaw, a sophomore science major. "From the moment I arrived last year, I was presented with several on-campus activities to keep me busy."

Campus life is the foundation of a college student's experiences. It is the mold which shapes students into individuals, builds friendships and develops strong character for the men and women of tomorrow. Campus life provides everyone with the opportunity to turn their visions into reality.



Joe Lovett



After years of hard work and faith, Oseola McCarty gave USM students

the Gift of a Future

by Karon Clark & Greg Lee

When Oseola McCarty donated \$150,000 to USM for scholarships, she never imagined that she would capture the attention of the world. McCarty also gained a new friend, 18-year-old Stephanie Bullock, the winner of the first McCarty scholarship.

Young Oseola McCarty loved school; she always had. She'd wanted to be a nurse. But when her aunt, with whom she had lived since her mother died, fell ill, she was left with only one choice.

McCarty was forced to quit school and care for her aunt, a feat that may not seem so great except that she was only in the sixth grade at the time. McCarty never returned to school. She had to work to support herself after her aunt died in 1967.

Washing and ironing clothes is not a prestigious profession by any means. Then again, McCarty never strove for prestige. Living in a wooden house her uncle had given to her and never owning a car, she carried on a quiet and humble life, providing herself with nothing more than the necessities.

In December 1994, when her health would no longer allow her to continue her job, McCarty made out her will. "I willed my church 10 percent. The university, I will more to them. I give them 60 percent..." McCarty said.

When asked about her reasons for giving the gift, McCarty had a simple answer. "When I leave this world, I can't carry...nothing away from here..." McCarty said. "The only thing I regret is that I didn't have that much more to give."

The amazing circumstances surrounding the 87-year-old woman sparked a nationwide media blitz. Several people were encouraged to set up a fund to match the gift. USM supporters and others from around the country reached that goal in January. Through it all, McCarty had only one request.

"I want to help somebody's child go to college," McCarty said. "I just want it to go to someone who will appreciate it and learn. I'm old, and I'm not going to live always."

Perhaps no one was affected by McCarty's gift more than Bullock, a freshman marketing major. She was awarded the first scholarship on Aug. 4, 1995.

Bullock was shocked when she heard the news. "I didn't think I would have anything at all to do with the McCarty scholarship," Bullock said. "When I first met her (McCarty), I gave her a big hug."

Bullock and her family have since informally adopted McCarty and visit with her frequently. Bullock has accompanied McCarty on television interviews, and they traveled to New York to attend the National Urban League Humanitarian Awards in November.

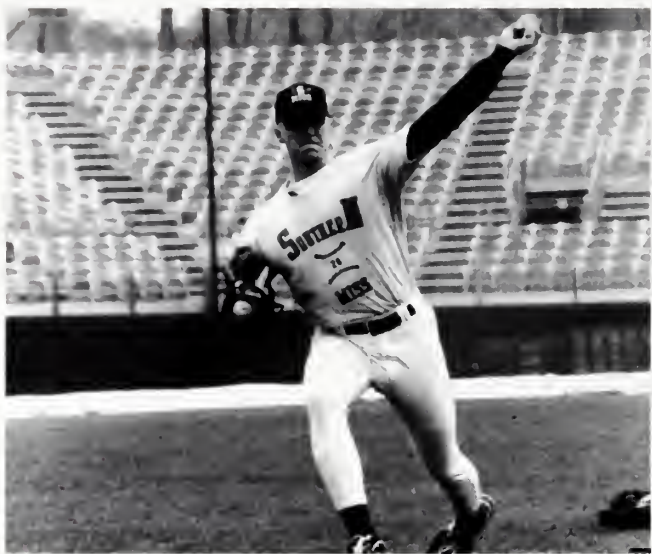
Although Bullock has also received national attention through the reception of the scholarship, she said she's still a relatively normal teenager. She says that her family and friends have taken the attention in stride. "I still have to do the dishes, but they are glad that I got the scholarship," Bullock joked.

Although one might expect Bullock to feel pressure in being the first recipient of the scholarship, she feels just the opposite. "It gives me something to work towards," she explained. "The background of the scholarship motivates me."

Future McCarty scholarship recipients may not have the opportunity to meet or form the relationship with McCarty that Bullock has, but she knows just what she'd tell them about McCarty. "They should know that she was hard-working, humble and a sweet person," Bullock said.



Seola McCarty and Stephanie Bullock share a light moment at the National Urban League Humanitarian Awards in November. Because of the extraordinary circumstances surrounding the two women, they have become close friends.



Late blooming talents and dedication have given John Bale a chance to represent his country by

Throwing Heat

by Greg Lee

John Bale hasn't always been a great pitcher. As a matter of fact, as a first baseman for the First Baptist Angels in Crestview, Fla., people often joked that he couldn't break a pane of glass with his pitches.

It wasn't until his sophomore year in high school that he began pitching. That makes it all the more amazing that Bale is one of only 22 pitchers left with a chance to pitch on the 1996 U.S. Olympic Baseball

Team. Considering the fact that he is one of only 10 left-handed pitchers left in the running, his chances of making the team are pretty good.

When asked what personal traits he has that might set him apart from other players, Bale named a characteristic that perhaps means more than physical prowess.

"Dedication-total dedication. I know the odds of making it to the majors are pretty slim," said the junior criminal justice major. "You've just got to want it more than anyone else."

This desire is apparent in his eyes and in the tone he takes when he talks about his early years in baseball. When asked about the person who has had the most influences on them, most players would probably name a coach or a famous player. Bale looks up to someone else.

"My dad has really helped me," Bale said. "I didn't have a lot of good coaching growing up and he knows about the game. He had a chance to play professionally, but he gave it up when I came along."

That guidance seems to have paid off. In July 1995, a letter was sent to USM for Bale and delivered to him by Coach Hill Denson. The letter was an invitation to tryouts for the U.S. Olympic Baseball Team. Bale was at tryouts for a week while Head Coach Skip Bertman of Louisiana State University, Ron Polk of Mississippi State University and other coaches watched him pitch.

"I didn't think it was such a big deal at first," Bale said, "I thought everyone got a tryout. When I saw that there were only about 40 pitchers, I was really surprised."

On Nov. 23 Bale was invited back for a second tryout in Miami. This time only 40 players returned, and he was one of only 22 pitchers there. Ultimately, the roster will be trimmed down to 20, eight of those being pitchers. That decision will be made based on Bale's performance at the end of the 1996 season.

One bonus of being invited to the tryouts is the exposure to major league scouts. "There were about 60 scouts there at the first tryout," Bale said. "It gave me a chance to perform for them."

One thing that Bale hopes can sustain him through the year and propel him into the major leagues is his work ethic. "I need more size, I know that. I hope to increase the velocity of my fastball, too," Bale said. "I'm not saying that I know I can make it in the majors, I just want a shot at it."

When asked what it would be like to play for the Olympic team, it becomes apparent how much it would mean to him. After stopping to consider the magnitude of such a feat, Bale sums it up as best he can.

"It would be a dream come true. That's got to be one of the best positions a person could be in," Bale said. "To know you're out there in front of thousands of people wearing those USA letters on your chest....that would be the ultimate rush."





Lisa Munsch

Not many people get the opportunity to showcase their talents in front of crowds. **John Bale** may get that chance. Bale should know if he has made the U.S. Olympic Team by the end of USM's baseball season.



Through the love of a south Mississippi family, Vanja Ljiljak has been given a chance at

Pursuing a Dream

by Maggie Williams and Greg Lee

Dr. Lois Leventhal has taught piano at USM for 19 years. It isn't often a student's talents move her to tears. But on a recent August afternoon, Leventhal, Laura Butler and another Leventhal student listened as Vanja Ljiljak played magic on the keys of a piano in a small studio in the College of the Arts. When Vanja removed her hands from the keys and looked at the three faces around her streaming with tears, she too began to cry.

Vanja Ljiljak is from war-torn Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina. Her determination to become a concert pianist reached out over the airwaves of National Public Radio to a couple in south Mississippi. That couple, Greg and Laura Butler of Ellisville, decided to help Ljiljak pursue her dream in the United States.

On Dec. 7, 1994, Butler was driving home to Ellisville from his job as an assistant vice president for a Jackson bank. By coincidence, he tuned in to NPR's *All Things Considered* on his car stereo. That evening, the program was devoted to the effects of civil war between the Bosnians and the Serbs on the Sarajevo Music Academy and its denizens.

As Butler drove through the early evening hours, he heard a story that detailed the physical destruction of war in Sarajevo and its effects on a particular music school. He also heard the story of then 18-year-old Vanja Ljiljak, a piano student at the academy.

Ljiljak had studied piano since she was 8 and came to the academy daily. Despite freezing temperatures that numbed her fingers, Ljiljak persevered at her art. Butler listened as a reporter described the pianist while she played Chopin's *Fantasia Impromptu*, then "quickly tucked her hands away to warm them."

When he got home that evening, Butler recounted the story to his wife, Laura, a full-time mother and part-time piano student at USM. A quick decision was made. The Butlers would offer Ljiljak a chance to come to the United States and pursue her dream of being a concert pianist by becoming a student at USM. Within days, Laura Butler placed the first overseas phone call to Ljiljak.

Coming to the United States "was just a dream, an idea," Ljiljak said. "I never really thought it would even come true for me." Though she knew she would miss her parents, Sonja and John, and her 15-year-old sister, Olja, the whole family knew this was a chance Ljiljak could not pass up.

On July 22, when word came that Ljiljak could leave, she climbed Mt. Igman in the middle of the night to try to avoid Serb sniper fire and made her way to the airport at Zagreb.

"You can't expect when the shells will come down. It can come down in the middle of the day when there are a lot of people in the marketplace, when there are a lot of people in the street ... We have no gas, no electricity. We live in fear," Ljiljak said.

Ljiljak enrolled at USM in the fall and has been overwhelmed by the friendliness she has experienced.

"We're taught that Americans are selfish, but everyone here has been so kind," Ljiljak said. "The hospitality has made it so easy for me to adjust."

Lately, Ljiljak has been spending more time talking with the media about her story, but she doesn't seem to mind and neither do the Butlers. "The way things have turned out, it's been such a strange set of circumstances," Laura Butler said. "But when you look at it all ... you have to know it was just meant to be."



Lisa Munsch

Vanja Ljiljak sits in front of the grand piano in Marsh Auditorium. To many people, Ljiljak's story and her talents have been both heartwarming and inspirational.



Because of the opportunities provided by USM's polymer science department, Kevin Thigpen is

Ahead of the Pack

by Bill Sutley

Kevin Thigpen was 8 when he got his first taste of hands-on science -- using his beginners chemistry set to devise concoctions to kill fire ants outside his Ellisville home. Today, the 19-year-old student is blazing new trails as an undergraduate scholar.

In January, he scored his first "publication," co-authoring an article for *Macromolecules*, a scholarly journal devoted to complex chemistry. Publishing is a feat usually reserved for faculty or advanced graduate students.

"The main thing I've enjoyed about USM is being able to do research, even as a freshman," said Thigpen, a sophomore polymer science major and native of Oxford.

Thigpen is enjoying an emphasis within USM's College of Science and Technology, particularly the department of polymer science: getting undergraduates involved early in meaningful research.

"It's very important to get kids into the lab seeing polymer science," said Dr. Robert Lochhead, department chairman. "By the time they're second semester freshmen, we try to get them exposed."

In Thigpen's case, he joined a 12-member research team supervised by Dr. Lon Mathias, a professor of polymer science, upon enrolling at USM.

"Kevin's doing the same level of research as our graduate students," Mathias said. "And remember, research is very time intensive; he spends 30 to 40 hours a week in the lab on top of his coursework."

Thigpen got the nod from Mathias in October to help with a project looking at the way chemicals react in a gravity-free environment.

After finishing his homework in advance, Thigpen traveled to Johnson Space Center in Houston. He was there to act as "ground support" while Mathias took experiments up in one of NASA's KC-135A aircraft to attain brief periods of weightlessness.

"I've enjoyed having a part in that," Thigpen said. "This is real research. It's not trivial."

After scoring a 30 on the ACT and becoming a National Merit scholarship finalist, Thigpen was hotly recruited by a half dozen universities. One contender even offered a lap-top computer as part of a lucrative scholarship offer.

Thigpen got an early taste of college life through the summer program offered by USM's Center for Gifted Studies while he was in junior high. That experience, along with the reputation of USM's internationally recognized polymer science department, kept him close to home.

"Basically, I felt that polymer science is on the hard, cutting edge of science, and I've always had the desire to be on the cutting edge of things," Thigpen said.

He's also enjoyed the new challenges of university life. "I'm taking more classes that I actually enjoy," Thigpen, who plans to pursue a doctorate in polymer science, said. "Now I'm learning things I want to learn rather than what I have to learn."

When he's not working in Mathias' lab or studying, Thigpen takes time off to play softball or floor hockey -- with other members of the Polymer Students' Association.

After joining Mathias' research group last year, the veteran professor handed Thigpen a 3-inch stack of research articles.

"He wanted me to get up to date with the most current research," Thigpen said. "I'm still working my way through those."





Kevin Thigpen stands over the tools of his trade in the polymer science research lab. Thigpen's passion for his chosen profession has opened up doors that are usually reserved for senior level and graduate students.

Lisa Munsch

The Southern Miss tradition continues as SGA president **Dave Estorge** presents the 1995 homecoming queen **Dejone Vereen**

The noon rally was moved under the decorated stadium due to rain.



Lisa Munsch



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The 1995 Homecoming Court: freshman maid **Angela Calico**, junior maid **Cristina Sanchez**, graduate maid **Kristi Muench**, homecoming queen **Dejone Vereen**, student body maid **Alice Miller**, senior maid **Clara Saafir**, sophomore maid **Laura McInnis**





King Photography



Lisa Munsch

Long hours of decorating and fighting the weather pay off as floats appear all around campus calling for the sinking of the ECU Pirates who were *Shipwrecked in Eagle Territory*.

golden eagle Celebrating Style

Homecoming week was full of activity this year as USM showed off its Eagle Attitude.

by Melissa Dudley

Homecoming week was marked by the birth of a fresh Eagle Attitude. As students walked to class, the sounds of floats being built filled the crisp Monday morning air. Brightly painted signs covered the Hub, Commons and library walls signaling the kickoff of the spirit competition. Campus organizations were grouped to form teams, which worked together to earn spirit points. The unity of the spirit teams encouraged fierce competition and established a new tradition in the annual festivities.

Black and gold blanketed the campus Friday as teams brought canned goods to earn spirit points during the black and gold sign in. Students gathered in the Union Plaza to eat lunch and participate in the noon pep rally. Even rain could not dampen the school spirit; however, it did snuff out the midnight bonfire and pep rally.

Saturday, the freshman quad quickly filled with trucks and moving vans as students gathered

for tailgating activities before the football game.

The Eagle Walk, led by the homecoming court and football team, paraded from the Hub to the Field House to the beat of The Pride drum line's cadence.

Dejone Vereen, from Biloxi, was elected homecoming queen. She is a senior exercise science major and a member of Delta Sigma Theta. She was escorted by SGA President Dave Estorge.

Student body maid Alice Miller was escorted by Antonio Johnson; graduate maid Kristi Muench was escorted by Hiren Thadani; senior maid Clara Saafir was escorted by John Graham; junior maid Cristina Sanchez was escorted by Demario Smith; sophomore maid Laura McInnis was escorted by Brooks Moore; and freshman maid Angela Calico was escorted by Andrew Ciccarelli.

The building excitement culminated with the football game against East Carolina and numerous celebrations following the game.





Lisa Munsch

Steve Moser, director of The Pride, brings his members in close to express to them how well they performed this season and to wish the seniors good luck.

Marching to the Beat

The past 75 years have brought much distinction to The Pride as they perform for the crowds.

by Jamie Hatch

Members file onto the field in straight lines and move into their first formation. The first note booms to create an awesome sound. Every head in the football stadium turns to see the action as the announcer presents The Pride of Mississippi Marching Band.

Anyone who has ever seen them perform knows how thrilling it is to see them in action. Those who haven't seen it are missing the show of a lifetime.

"We haven't had a weak performance all year," said Steve Moser associate director of music. "I think we have done a good job of celebrating it with the marching band."

This year marks the 75th year of playing history on campus and a commemorative one it has been. The band has also had the opportunity to record a new CD that includes some of its favorite marching music. In addition, they have continued to put on spectacular

performances at all of the home football games.

Brian Nelson, a freshman music education major and drum major of The Pride, said, "The opportunities and competition have made the season incredible."

The Pride is made up of over 300 members all with different interests and backgrounds who practice long hours on and off the field to give others the very best performance they can. "It is more than organization," Moser said. "It is something to be proud of."

Through the years, The Pride has accomplished many things. They represented the state of Mississippi on a tour of the United States in the late thirties. They gave televised performances at bowl games in the late sixties, and international performances in Ireland in March, 1995. The Pride of Mississippi is one of the most visible groups on campus, and it is definitely a sight to behold.





Joe Lovett



Lisa Munsch



Lisa Munsch

Pause Then, in one deliberate motion, **Melissa Kohler**, one of three drum majors, sets The Pride of Mississippi into action with music rolling over the crowd at the Saints halftime show.

Clarinetist **Melissa Finley** takes a minute to rest at one of the daily afternoon practices.

With discipline, precision and control the USM drum line sets the beat for the entire band.

Mr. Morgan Paisley



Miss Clara Saafir





Recognizing the very Best

Their commitment to the university paid off for Morgan Paisley and Clara Saafir as they are named Mr. and Miss USM.

by Missy Risher

In a campus-wide student election, Morgan Paisley and Clara Saafir were selected to represent the University of Southern Mississippi as Mr. and Miss USM. The primary election, sponsored by the SGA, was held on Nov. 14 and the runoff on Nov. 16.

Paisley has served Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity in many capacities including president, vice president, house manager and Chi Omega Songfest spokesman. He is a member of the Student Government Association where he has served on the judicial board and as chief justice.

He is a delegate of the Interfraternity Council in which he has held the positions of treasurer, chief justice and community service coordinator.

Paisley is a member of the Student Alumni Association, Student Eagle Club, College Republicans, Criminal Justice Association and Order of Omega.

"I've learned during my years at USM that your life can only be as good as you make it, and I've tried to incorporate that into every

aspect of my college life," Paisley said.

Saafir is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. for which she has served as scholarship committee chairperson and assistant membership chairperson. She is a delegate for both the National Panhellenic Council, where she has served as parliamentarian, and the Panhellenic Council.

Saafir was elected as the Student Government Association attorney general and also served on the judicial board for which she received the Most Outstanding Justice Award.

She is a member of Psi Chi, AASO, Criminal Justice Association, Union Board, NAACP, Volunteer Resource Center Advisory Board, Student Eagle Club and Gamma Alpha Epsilon.

"Through campus organizations and activities, I have been involved in many aspects of campus life and have encountered a broad range of personalities. For these reasons, I can truly appreciate my educational experiences here," Saafir said.

Shouts of joy accompany the crowning of Miss Southern 1996. Winning her first pageant, **Leah Kelly** will go on to represent USM in the Miss Mississippi Pageant held in July.

An interpretation of "Colors of the Wind" by the Laurel Showstoppers entertained the audience while the scores were being tabulated.



Jeff Hubbard



Tommy White

The Miss Southern pageant winners are **Angela Goodwin**, third alternate; **Kelli Fox**, first alternate; **Leah Kelly**, Miss Southern; **Melissa Pace**, second alternate; and **Brandi Nicole Lanford**, fourth alternate.





Stephanie Lee

Hosts for the evening, **Lauren Kitchens** and **Kelly Sanner**, along with pageant director **Vrita Delaine**, take a minute to pose for a picture with winner **Leah Kelly**.

Beginning a new Reign

The talent and beauty of this year's pageant contestants are recognized in Leah Kelly as she is crowned Miss Southern.

by Melissa Taylor

Leah Kelly, a 24-year-old speech pathology major from Mobile, Ala., has a long list of achievements to her name. Until recently, winning a pageant was not one of them.

As a matter of fact, the Miss Southern pageant is the first pageant she's ever been in.

She graduated high school as the valedictorian in only two years. She has a bachelor's and a master's degree in vocal performance and is currently working toward a second master's in speech and language pathology.

But the accomplished Kelly was still nervous about the Miss Southern pageant. "I made great new friends, and thank goodness, because they were telling me which way to turn, where to stand," Kelly said. "Without them, I would have been lost."

Her first pageant, however, will certainly not be her last. She will compete in the Miss Mississippi pageant held in Vicksburg this July. Kelly said she will prepare

for the state competition by a combination of "diet, singing everyday and reading the newspaper like a madwoman."

The first alternate to Miss Southern is Kelli Fox, a senior in elementary education. Second alternate is Melissa Pace, a senior broadcast journalism major from Clinton. Third alternate is Angela Goodwin, a sophomore in elementary education from Mandeville, La. Fourth alternate is Brandi Lanford, a freshman in general studies from Pineville, La.

The "Spirit of Southern Miss" is a special award that goes to the contestant who exemplifies everything for which Miss Southern stands and is elected by the other contestants. Even though she was ill and could not compete, the award went in absentia to Julyn Hollingsworth, a senior special education major.

Scholarships totalling \$4,350 were awarded to the winners this year, almost double the \$2,500 total of just two years ago.

Junior dietetics major **Carrie Lindsoe** hooks her computer up while settling back into life on campus after Christmas break.

Derek Wienert and **Jamie Hatch** prove that two heads are better than one during a late night study session.



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Mom said there would be days like this! **Robert Sanders**, a freshman from Jackson, starches and irons his pants before class.



Garnett Sellers



Lisa Munsch

Maurice Williams and Diamond Barksdale go one-on-one in a game of NBA Jams in their room in Roberts Hall.

Living away from Home

Life in USM's residence halls opens up a world of independence and experiences for its residents.

by Chris Dufour

Many students can hardly wait to move into the residence halls at USM. They want to get away from their parents, to live independently on their own. It sounds fantastic: freedom, ID charge card, maybe a party or two around each corner.

Maybe not. The thrill of living on their own seems to diminish after a while for the multitude of students who occupy one of the many halls on campus. Some come from as far away as New York. Many others come from towns all across the state like Magee, Wiggins and Coldwater. However, they all share one common trait. They are what seems like a million miles from home.

Brad Smith, a freshman advertising major, lives in Roberts Hall. "Privacy is hard up," Smith said. "Even with your door locked there's always somebody outside who's making noise." Otherwise, Smith, a native of Star, Miss., said that he's had few problems with living away from his parents. "I see them enough

not to miss them."

Aaron Boucher, a sports administration major and New Lebanon, N.Y., native, transferred to USM from Brookshire Community College in Pittsburg. Boucher resides in Elam Arms and said that he was lucky to have gotten in there. "I've heard horror stories from a lot of my friends about the other halls, but Elam's been okay," he said. "It's very quiet, we have our own cafeteria. The only real problem I've had there is trying to find a compatible roommate."

Some roommates get lucky, as in the case of freshmen Melissa Mateer and Carly Allen. The two have known each other for six years and now share a room in Pulley Hall. "Carly's gotten a lot messier since high school," Mateer said, "but since I've always been messy, it works out good."

Despite the adjustments one has to make to live in a residence hall, the life experiences you gain and the friends you make are worth it.



The Catholic Student Association makes an annual trip to Saltillo, Mexico every spring to distribute food, clothing, and medicine. **Garrett Doucet** blows bubbles with a local child.

Shelter from the Storm

Religious organizations on campus provide students with outlets in which to deal with life's problems.

by Christina Gates and Missy Risher

Life is tough at any age, but it can be especially stressful in college. Students are taken out of their familiar environments and plunged head first into a completely different world.

There are fewer rules and constraints, but there are also fewer people to lean on when things get out of control. That's where the religious organizations on campus play a role.

"I think students are looking for spiritual dimension which USM doesn't provide so they allow us to provide (it)," said Lloyd Lunceford, director of the Baptist Student Union.

These various religious groups help to provide a sense of stability in the otherwise crazy world of college.

"It helps me focus on my beliefs and what I need to be doing in my life: what's good for me and where I need to be headed," said Loryn Davis, a member of the Reformed University Fellowship.

Because many students come from traditional southern backgrounds, they are looking to

become involved in groups that fill an empty void.

"The Wesley Foundation has been a real extended family in more ways than one," said Kristen Williams, a senior psychology major.

Being a part of USM's religious life gives students opportunities for Bible study, retreats, conferences and mission work. It also allows them to become involved in the surrounding community.

Not all the different groups' activities are completely focused around spiritual growth. There are also some social aspects of college life that the groups provide such as dances, parties, lectures and tailgating before ball games.

"Students lose a little bit of familiarity with college, but religious ties will carry over," said Warren Dunn, administrative assistant to the vice president of Student Affairs.

With an abundance of religious organizations on a campus of varied beliefs, the insecurity and uncertainty of college can be managed more effectively.





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Participating in a fun skit to raise money to support summer mission work are BSU members **James Clark**, **Meta Blanchard**, **Kristie Godwin**, **Stephen Byrd**, **Jeff Fitzgerald** and **Charlotte West**.

After a Wesley Foundation dance put on for new students, members **Anthony Stephenson**, **Kristen Williams** and **Kurt Wiegall** are all danced out.

Campus Crusade for Christ team members get ready to play a co-rec intramural softball game. Many of the religious groups have teams that participate in the intramural sports program.



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Intelligence is tested as **Dustin Oubre** and **Dave Gardecki** ΦΚΤs confer before answering a bonus question at the UAC College Bowl Tournament.

Reeling in the Fun

The UAC provides a variety of social activities on campus that give students alternative choices for entertainment.

by Christina Gates

The University Activities Council is more than just another organization on campus. It is the only programming organization for the students, providing inexpensive and alternative ways to have fun.

"UAC tries to make college life more enjoyable by breaking the monotony of college by bringing diverse activities to our campus," said sophomore member Mindy Dowdy.

Everything from a hypnotist to the Tim McGraw Concert was brought to the campus this year by UAC.

Other big events were a Halloween party for the children of Pinehaven, the annual Reggae Fest, the NET TV experience and the CBS College Tour.

The NET experience, Network Event Theater, was introduced in the spring. It is a satellite system donated to the school which allows UAC to bring to campus live broadcasts of otherwise unattainable events.

The CBS College Tour included games and TV-simulated shows where students could inter-

act with their favorite shows on CBS television. "USM was the smallest school the tour visited, yet had the best student participation out of all the schools visited," said John Burks, UAC president.

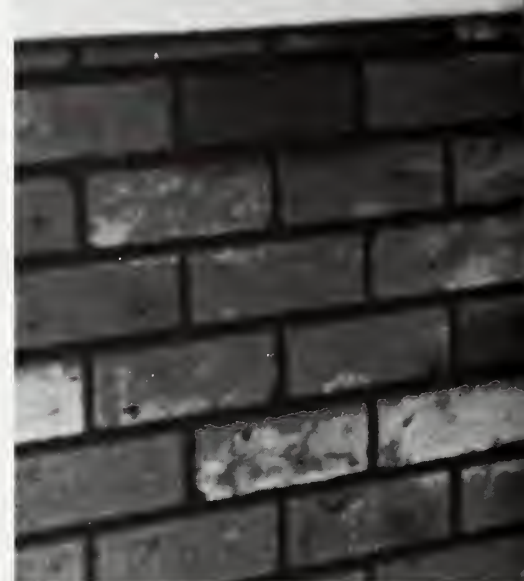
Diversity in the membership leads to a wide selection of activities. There are about 40 people on the UAC's five committees, which plan the activities and programs.

"We have a good time with what we do, and this shows outward in the activities," said Angie White, vice chairman of the advertising committee.

To become a member requires a lot of time and dedication because the UAC is entirely run by students.

"I enjoy it tremendously," Burks said. "By doing all the UAC programming, I found I want to continue my involvement with student activities."

With most of the activities held in the Union and Seymour's, the UAC creates a center point on campus where students can gather to socialize and have fun yet stick to their budget.



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Character artist **Kouroush Salamani** draws UAC member **Shuntee Taylor** while other members, **Keisha Owens** and **Tonya Barnes** look on. This was just one of the activities offered at Reggae Fest.

USM students compete for prizes at the TV Trivia game with **Laterica Hudson** serving as the official judge. This was just one of many booths to choose from including "The Price Is Right", soap operas and a basketball shoot-out.

Music at Lunch brings local talent to USM including the group **Birdie**. The lead singer, **Pat Sansone**, entertains the lunch crowd out on the Union Plaza.

Singing his newest release "Can't be Really Gone," **Tim McGraw** personifies the sound of new country.

Henry Paul, the lead singer for Blackhawk, sings to the ladies. Coming after 4 Runner, Blackhawk set the mood for McGraw.



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Stephanie Lee

McGraw gave his audience a show to be remembered. Some fans spent the night outside the Union so they would be assured of great seats



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Three members of the new country sensation 4 Runner warm up the crowd for Tim McGraw. The group first broke through the charts with their hit single "Cain's Blood."

McGraw on stage Live

Reed Green was taken by storm Oct. 26 as Tim McGraw and UAC worked together to produce the show of the year.

by Karon Clark

The chorus from Tim McGraw's number one hit single "I like it. I love it. I want some more of it," perfectly expressed the feelings his fans felt at the sold out concert sponsored by the University Activities Council on Oct. 26 in Reed Green Coliseum.

The crowd was entertained by opening acts Blackhawk and 4 Runner prior to McGraw taking the stage. "I only came to the concert to hear Tim McGraw, but Blackhawk and 4 Runner really surprised me. They were both really good," said freshman Jenny Smith.

The intensity level rose as McGraw took the stage. Approximately 6,000 screaming fans filled the stands. A few die-hard fans camped out in front of the Union the night before tickets went on sale in hopes of getting the best seats.

Melissa Jones, a senior therapeutic recreation major, said she loved her seats. Of course, she was sitting on the front row.

The crowd stood throughout the show, screaming and singing nonstop. Judging by the amount of noise in the coliseum, it seemed that there couldn't have been a single person who did not enjoy the show.

"I'm enjoying it, and I don't even like country music," said Chris Moss, a senior music education and business administration major. Moss is a member of UAC and worked as an usher during the concert.

McGraw also had a special guest in the audience, his aunt, Sammie Belgard. She said it was a great crowd that really didn't surprise her at all. "The hospitality in Mississippi is excellent," Belgard said.

However, not everyone came for the music; some students came to support their greek affiliations. Rodger Pardue, a junior nutrition major, volunteered to work security at the concert for a completely different reason. "Because Tim McGraw is a Pike, and I'm a Pike," Pardue said.

Setting up the stage was an accomplishment in itself. It included a platform which ascended up and behind the drummer. Also, there were two large screens on each side of the stage that allowed fans in the back of the coliseum to get a firsthand view of McGraw.

A crew of 145 students, including UAC members and volunteers, worked alongside the bands' stage crews to create this production.

"This is the most elaborate stage UAC has ever set up in the coliseum," said Tara McCrink, UAC adviser.

McGraw performed such hits as "Indian Outlaw," "Don't Take the Girl," and "Not a Moment Too Soon." He also performed several new songs from his latest album "All I Want."



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Voters review candidates' credentials one more time in order to cast informed votes at the polls.

Making your vote Count

Voting increased this year as more students participated in SGA elections, making their views known.

by Jamie Hatch and Karon Clark

Long-awaited results are in after the weeks of hard work by the many candidates. The '96-'97 SGA executive officers have been elected.

The officers are: Julie Jarrell, president; Ryan Mouledous, vice president; John Graham, attorney general; Jamie Jones, election commissioner; and Heath Wahden, treasurer.

As president, Jarrell is supporting the new consideration for a 15-week semester and has already seen her wish of two positions on the selection committee come true.

"Dave Estorge has done a wonderful job, and I want to continue that by continuing to make a difference and staying on top of things," Jarrell said.

Campaigning was intensive for the candidates this year, from trying to schedule meetings with students and organizations to handing out fliers. Many people helped the candidates in spreading the word to vote.

Their hard work paid off as voter turnout increased approximately 19.3% over last

year.

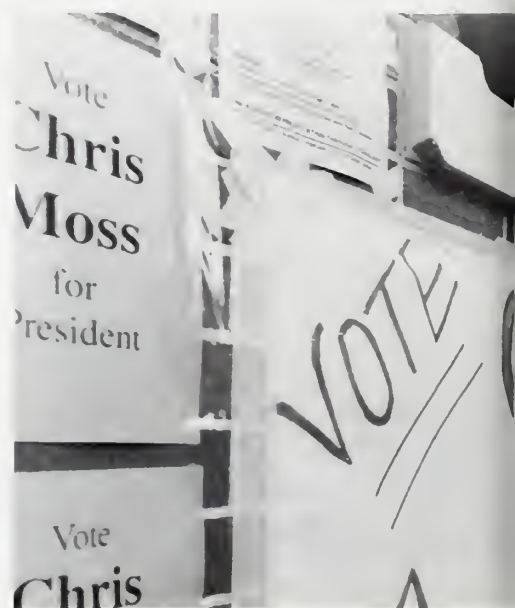
Antonio Johnson, '95-'96 election commissioner, credited this increase to more student involvement. "Everyone is getting more involved," Johnson said. It's worked to our advantage."

According to '95-'96 Vice President Melissa Dudley, student involvement is vital to the elections.

"SGA is the students' voice to the faculty, staff and administration of this campus," Dudley said. "Nothing can and will be done without the students' support. One of the most important things a student does is vote for those that represent them."

Jarrell is looking forward to the new year. "I think everyone will be wonderful," Jarrell said. "We (the executive officers) all get along really well. We are all real excited about it. I think it will be a wonderful year."

The new officers will have the chance to prove themselves as they take over the responsibility of the SGA later this year.





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Waiting for election results is nerve wrecking, especially when running for president. **Julie Jarrell** is excited as she learns, with **Kerri Provenza** and **Lee Herrington**, that she will participate in the run-off elections.

Giving students a chance to vote for their concerns are what the SGA elections are all about. By voicing their opinions, students determine the course the student government will take over the next year.

Posters litter the Hub as last minute campaigning continues while candidates and their supporters solicit important votes.



Sculpture major **Ann Adele Blackledge** is one of many students who is participating in the new iron casting technique.



Mark Lee

Creating a *Academics* by Rusty W. Spell *Vision*

The academic departments at the University of Southern Mississippi provide opportunities for students with varying interests of study. From liberal arts to business administration to science and technology, students can earn a degree that will lay the foundation for an advanced educational opportunity or a career in their chosen field of study.

"I came to USM because of their outstanding graphics design program as well as the opportunity to play violin in the university's symphony orchestra," said Sean Wilson, a junior art major.

Students are provided with more than ample classroom experiences. With one of the largest and most recognized study abroad programs in the United States, students can broaden their academic knowledge while expanding their cultural awareness.

USM is noted for many remarkable accomplishments. The largest collegiate library system in the state is housed in the Cook Library. The English department's creative writing program has been identified as one of the top five in the nation. Also, the College of the Arts is one of only 11 in the nation accredited in all four areas.

USM is proud of its scholarly achievements creating an academic vision for the future.

by Chris Dufour

xpressions in harmony

College of the Arts

The swift yet graceful stroke of the paintbrush; the lazy swirl of a lithe arm; the zeal of a tragic soliloquy. The men and women behind the College of the Arts make culture tangible. It is a harmonious combination of beauty and talent. The contributions they have made to the art world far outweigh any monetary ambition.

These studious people and their instructors have not come to USM for personal gain or glory or even because of legacy. The actors, painters, sculptors, dancers and other arts students are here because USM is the best place to express their desire, verve and passion. The arts program has become their line of transmission to all others so that the understanding the department wishes to promote is clearly seen.

Jessica Lynn Martin, a junior dance major, has found a unique way of conveying her feelings through choreography. Thanks to her unique skill and expertise from the teachers in the dance department, she was selected as one of two students to travel to a choreographic project at Gulf Coast Community College.

"We live through art, and we experience through art, and everything that we touch in our lives comes from art..."

-- Jessica Lynn Martin
junior dance major

She performed a solo from a piece she choreographed herself. "I can hardly explain how wonderful it is to do something like that," Martin said. "It's extremely gratifying."

Harry Ward, the director of the art department, makes a point of saying how strongly the College of the Arts is dedicated to getting their graduates a job. "For the first time in a long time," Ward said, "we've had something to really shout about to the public, and with the addition of much new hi-tech equipment here, we have the opportunity to really explore art as it was meant to be."

Ward is happy to point out that the art department's newest and possibly most impressive feature is that of the iron casting foundry. Art students now have the ability to further their expression by working iron into graceful shapes and truly discovering the gray area where science meets art.

The art department is a family. The communal feeling inspired by these select few individuals who time and again are able to make their thoughts real is one of the more mentionable traits of the College of the Arts. Some shudder to think where we would be without them. "We live through art, and we experience through art, and everything that we touch in our lives comes from art," Martin said. "The architecture of our buildings, the drive behind our professors, *everything* has evolved from art."

Graduate fine arts major **Bart Noggle** and senior fine arts major **Wendy Obstler** practice for "Les Liasons Dangereuses," the final theatre production of the fall semester.



Dr. John Wooton, director of percussion studies, doesn't know exactly what drew him to drums, but he has stuck with them ever since. "I have been interested in drums since I was a kid," Wooton said. "I started taking lessons at eight, and I never stopped."

Wooton possesses an extensive amount of drums, but he does not think of himself as a collector. "I am not a collector but a performer," Wooton said. "I play all the drums I have so I don't collect them; I accumulate them."

Most of his drums come from such places as the Caribbean, Cuba and Brazil. He also has Indian and African drums. For Wooton, the differences in drums reflect the diversities in cultures and music. "It's like studying a whole different language," he said.

Wooton bought most of his drums in the United States and has never traveled to either Europe or Africa. "I did go to Singapore and buy some instruments called augklungs, which are bamboo strips that are tuned," Wooton said. "Most third world countries use these kinds of raw materials. You feel like you're going back a few centuries."

Wooton feels music to be a necessary part of the world. "Music is the first thing everyone learns for even a baby can understand music. It's essential to everyone's culture," Wooton said.



by Danielle Thomas

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Art major **Katherine Haywood** sketches a future masterpiece for her portfolio. Artists like Katherine can be found all over campus seaching for new ideas.



Mark Lee



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Orchestra director **Jay Dean** leads the USM orchestra in Bennett Auditorium during its November performance.

by Todd Titus and Chris Dufour

orging the future

College of Business Administration

student graduates from the University of Southern Mississippi with high marks and a degree in business administration. Now he asks himself what he wants to do and, more importantly, where his connections lie. Thanks to a few semesters of diligent work outside the curriculum and some outstanding relationships with many of his professors, there is an open road to a highly respectable career in the ever-changing world of business.

This is a fact about the College of Business Administration. The professors and staff provide the key to a door that could lead prospective students into a silver-lined future. This future is replete with all the benefits and rewards of the work that they set out to accomplish when they chose USM. A total of 1,466 undergraduate students fill the corridors of Joseph Greene Hall where they gain knowledge of every necessity today's modern businessperson could require. Accredited by the

"The program helped my education a lot. You never know the kind of contacts you can form through co-ops."

*--Jerome Pace
senior accounting major*

American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business, the CBA encourages outstanding students to excel in their specialized fields of study. Many top students gain additional experience outside the standard curriculum through hands-on training from opportunities provided by selected co-ops and internships.

Jerome Pace, a senior accounting major from Forest, took advantage of a chance to intern with the Mississippi Office of the Secretary of State. Spending three semesters learning the true skill behind auditing and fraud investigations, Pace steadily worked to enrich his education with a number of different activities and responsibilities. Pace assisted in 15 audits and was given the opportunity to work with Mississippi's Secretary of State, Dick Molpus, a candidate in this year's governor's race.

Pace credited his achievements in the internship to the CBA's distinct interest in the future of its students. Instructors take time to develop their students' abilities and strengths while also working to improve their weaknesses. By the time students graduate, they have become well-rounded men and women who are ready to tackle the challenging aspects of the frenzied arena known as the business world. With a little hard work and a lot of ambition, these undergraduates will take America by storm, contributing to the national trust in the global business world.

Christina Jackson, senior accounting major, illustrates the stress of tax season. Now much of the tax work is done by computer, and the volumes of tax forms are no longer necessary.

Marketing majors probably wouldn't be too surprised to learn of instructor Dolly Loyd's favorite pastime, shopping. She calls it "retailing research." Loyd especially loves to shop at Victoria's Secret for the quality merchandise and great sales. She is always ready to go on a shopping binge for clothes, jewelry and shoes. She has over 60 pairs of shoes and wears all of them.

Before coming back to teach, Loyd worked for three different retailing chains: Gayfers, McRae's and Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange. She feels fortunate to be able to use her valuable work experiences in the classroom. "I relate my experiences both the good and the bad to the material I teach," Loyd said.

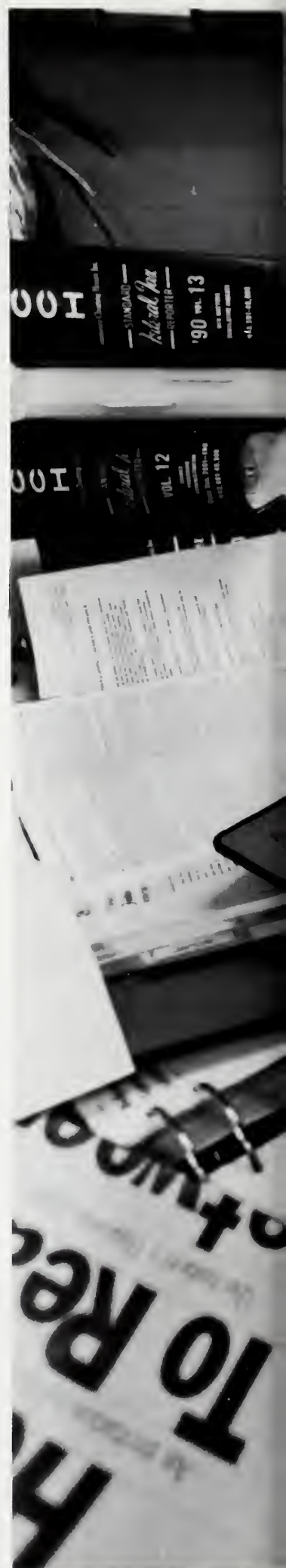
Loyd also uses her retailing knowledge to find bargains. Some of her best tips include shopping year round for Christmas gifts and hitting the end of season sales.

"Buy at the end of the season, when things are 50 to 75 percent off. Put the clothes in plastic bags and store until next year. You now have new clothes to start the next season."

by Joanna Beaumont



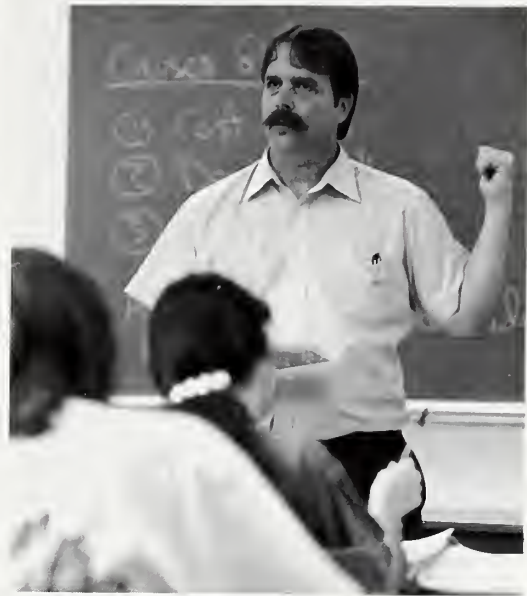
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Dr. Mark Klinedinst, associate professor of economics, lectures to his Economics 201 class. This class is mandatory for all students in the CBA.



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Finance majors **Ryan Myrick** and **Brandon Hambright** work steadily on a report in the computer lab at Joseph Greene Hall. The computer labs around campus are usually packed with students trying to complete their papers and reports.

by Chris Dufour

a little help for my friends

College of Education and Psychology

It is said across the nation that the men and women of the South are the kindest, most caring people in America. The tradition of the South's wholesome generosity has persevered through the decades into the '90s. There is no better example of that belief than the students and instructors in the College of Education and Psychology.

In the department of psychology, this universal dedication to the betterment of humanity is even more pronounced. The mission statement for the department states: "The department recognizes its obligation to contribute to the profession of psychology and to society and seeks to develop in its students this same sense of duty to serve one's community and profession." USM is exemplified by the number of people who go out of their way to further students careers in education and psychology. After all, they are in the business of helping people.

"It's a very broad degree for our undergraduates, and it prepares them for the real challenges they must face in order to get doctorals."

--Dr. John Alcorn
chairman, department of psychology

Dr. John D. Alcorn, chairman of the department of psychology, takes great pride in the curriculum offered by the College of Education and Psychology. "It's a very broad degree for our undergraduates, and it prepares them for the real challenges they must face in order to get doctorals," Alcorn said. "This way, people have a variety

of choices to make depending on their interests."

The CEP also boasts an amazing technological advantage over many other universities. James A. Siders, chairman of special education, stated, "We received a grant from the Mississippi Power Company that we were able to funnel into a fantastic 15-station lab for our students. Now they can work in pairs to solve theoretical problems on a large wall-mounted projection screen which helps build a sense of camaraderie necessary in whatever field they're majoring in." With these factors, no wonder the CEP has the largest student enrollment of all seven colleges. Also, it houses one of the six centers of excellence: the department of psychology.

Thanks to the exemplary commitment shown by both the students and instructors at the College of Education and Psychology, Mississippi has one of the largest concentrations of educational researchers and specialists in the nation.

Theresa Yawn, a senior psychology major, works with elementary school children in her child development class. The class is an overview of research from prenatal ages to adolescence.

Rock and roll is a very important part of the music industry, and it plays a special role in the classroom of Dr. Bill Shafer, professor in the department of counseling.

"When I come to class, I bring a radio for students to listen to," Shafer said. "In the process, I allow the students to express themselves in a writing assignment or through discussion. This allows the students to relax and relate with one another."

"With rock and roll, I can relate to the students on how to understand them and their interests," Shafer said. "Connecting rock and roll with the students is a challenging experience, but anything that will help the students is worth the time and patience."

Rock and roll is a tool for students. "When I was a student in the '50s, rock and roll helped me to overcome pitfalls in life," Shafer said.

Some of these pitfalls included racial conflicts, relationships and school. "Music and its lyrics provided support that eased my mind," Shafer said.

Shafer said that family morals and values helped, but rock and roll gave him that extra "boost" to reach for his goals. The extra boost, confidence and self-esteem, helped Shafer through college and his teaching career. He said he knew that he would survive if he only kept focus on his reasons for existing - helping students to achieve a higher self-esteem and high moral standards.

by Reginald Taylor



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Senior **Dena Boatman** talks to a first grader about his drawings. Education majors must complete a semester of student teaching prior to graduation.



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Jennifer Peszka, a graduate student in psychology, demonstrates the use of equipment that tests brain waves of psychology graduate student **Tim Rollier** in the sleep lab. The sleep lab is one of many experimental psychology labs on the Hattiesburg campus. The USM Psychology Program is one of only 12 in the United States with all areas approved by the American Psychological Association.

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by Karon Clark

a commitment to excellence

College of Health and Human Sciences

Leading the way into the 21st century, service oriented positions are predicted to be at the top of students' career choices. Students in the College of Health and Human Sciences are committed to providing the highest quality assurance.

"We have an extremely high placement (rate) for our graduates," said Dr. Laura Boudreaux, assistant dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences. "We have a career-oriented program."

The college consists of five units: the school of human performance and recreation, the school of family and consumer sciences, the school of nursing, the school of social work and center for community health. According to Boudreaux, this is the fastest growing college on campus.

There is something for everyone interested in a service profession, programs range from sports medicine to hotel, restaurant and tourism management to community health administration.

"It's the best hands-on program offered by the university with the work experiences we gain..."

--Jamie Keith
senior HRT major

Jamie Keith, said he enjoys the program because of the diversity of the curriculum. "It's the best hands-on program offered by the university with the work experiences we gain at the Charcoal Room," Keith said. "Every student is required to train in all phases of restaurant management."

Ben Bryant, a senior recreation major said the reasons for the success of the human performance and recreation program is two-fold. "It's not just the fact that the professors are knowledgeable, but they're accessible," Bryant said. "I know that if I need help academically or professionally, or if I just want to stop and talk, my professors are going to take the time to give me one-on-one attention."

Although one day these students will be working anywhere from a major hospital to a municipal recreation department, their educational experiences will lay the foundation for them to pursue and provide the highest level of quality service available to the public.

"Our hospitality tract is one of the fastest growing programs in the South," Boudreaux said.

Senior hotel, restaurant, and tourism management major,

Trainer **Kirk Landrum**, a senior sports medicine major, works on freshman linebacker **T.J. Slaughter's** bruised knee in the training room in the Field House. The sports medicine program is considered one of the best in the southeast region.

Who could have known that young Jerome Agrusa would go on to establish one of the finest campus restaurants when he tore his knee stepping off a curb, thus leaving only one option open to him: the classroom. Boston native Agrusa went on to become a highly sought-after food management instructor, ending up at our own Fern Hesson Charcoal Room.

Dr. Agrusa knew he had a future in food management since his days as an assistant to his father who ran a wholesale meat company. Working as a busboy, waiter and eventually managing Marriott Hotels' restaurant chains, he learned the pitfalls and rewards of the restaurant business. Now, Agrusa brings that experience into the classroom.

"It's easy to draw upon my own experiences in the field because I've had them all," Agrusa said. "I'm able to make my students understand that it isn't easy opening a restaurant of their own."

Agrusa's course, which includes an 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. lab working in the Charcoal Room, is quite rigorous. Students rotate through every position at the restaurant, from busboy to manager. "That way, each of them can understand the roles of their co-workers and there are fewer conflicts in the work area," said Agrusa.



by Chris Dufour

Stephanie Lee



Robyn Bagataj, a senior interior design major, puts the finishing touches on a hotel design class project. The interior design program prepares students to identify, research and solve problems at home and in the business community.



Lisa Munsch



Lisa Munsch

Nursing major Nonna Bullock checks the breathing of Karen Hall, also a nursing major. The nursing program goes beyond theory by giving its students practical experience in a clinical setting.

Lisa Munsch

by Danielle Thomas

Earning to see the world

College of International and Continuing Education

Who says you have to join the Navy to see the world? The College of International and Continuing Education offers students the chance to study abroad for a summer, semester or year long session.

"You learn to be open to new things and new cultures," said Keyla F. McCullum, 21, a political science and English major. "When you see the people on the news, they seem distant, but when you go there, you see that they are actual people."

Not only does the college send students to other countries, but the center for international education also promotes USM to foreign students as a place to study.

The English language institute offers tutoring to foreign students who do not speak English as a native language. Masanori Hayashi, 20, of Japan said that the ELI has helped him with his English communication, writing and grammar skills.

"In America, English is for life so I have to use it a lot more. Fortunately the teachers here are excellent."

--Masanori Hayashi
Hongu, Japan

"In Japan we study English to pass the center test," Hayashi said, "but in America, English is for life so I have to use it a lot more. Fortunately, the teachers here are excellent."

The department of continuing education offers many opportunities to the nontraditional student. It consists of four units: independent study, noncredit programming, credit programming and the institute for learning in retirement.

"We are the only college in the state that offers learning in retirement," said Sue Pace, director of programming. "We offer classes, luncheon lectures and field trips."

Ricky Mendoza, a sophomore hotel, restaurant and tourism management major enjoys the flexibility of the Saturday credit courses offered by continuing education. "It's only five Saturdays for three hours of credit," Mendoza said. "It's a lot better than taking it the whole semester and tying yourself up."

The College of International and Continuing Education has few permanent faculty members but draws professors from the other colleges on campus to teach courses. Bob Wales, professor of geography, has taught the Australian studies program for the past five years. "It's so exciting to see a different type of people," Wales said, "and it gets me as far away from work as I possibly can."

David Arnott, a doctoral student in music arts, calms his horse at the end of his English horsemanship class at the equestrian center. The department of continuing education offers courses designed to meet the ever-changing needs and interests of the diverse student population.

Why should any student want to study abroad especially in a communist country? Dr. Mark Miller, assistant dean of the College of International and Continuing Education, said he thinks that among other things it will help students in their job search. "Studying abroad makes students more employable...it's what makes them different from everyone else sending out resumes," Miller said.

Miller has been working with the Caribbean studies program for seven years now and is currently directing the new Cuban Studies Project. "Cuba was a natural addition to our current programs," Miller said. "It is so close to Mississippi, and when things open up there it will provide economic growth to the state."

The first trip to Havana was not quite what Miller expected. "The people there were very friendly, and, surprisingly, they knew a lot about the United States," he said.

"Through the study abroad programs," Miller said, "students gain the ability to deal with diversity and to recognize differing cultural perspectives, both of which are important skills."

by Missy Risher



Lisa Munsch





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Students **Chris Simmons**, **Eric Carter**, and **Ken Bryant** pose for a picture in Trafalgar Square in London. The three students are participating in the British Studies Program.



Lisa Munsch

English language institute instructor **Emily Nelson** goes over fruit with her intensive English class. The ELI helps foreign students with basic English language skills.

by Abigayle Farris

Communicating to the world

College of Liberal Arts

The College of Liberal Arts provides students with a wide range of study. From sociology to speech pathology and from history to mass communication - not to mention everything in between. The College of Liberal Arts provides over 3,000 of the university's 12,113 students with the knowledge they need, not only to pass their finals, but also to survive in the "real world" as well-educated, well-rounded individuals.

With the philosophy of the college in mind, Dr. Mark Miller, associate professor in the department of geography and area development, encourages his students to take a broad view of their education. "They shouldn't get bogged down just in their area of study," Miller said. "They need effective communication skills and a world awareness."

"It (liberal arts) wasn't limited in its focus. It offered a diversity, and it allowed me to touch on a lot of things."

--Elizabeth Doby
senior liberal arts major

Liberal arts offers students an array of experiences ranging from acquiring the basic facts to discovering their own creativity.

Senior Elizabeth Doby chose the College of Liberal Arts for the variety of things it could provide. "It wasn't limited in its focus," Doby said. "It offered a diversity, and it allowed me to touch on a lot things."

Looking back, Doby is satisfied with her choice. "It made me think and question the things that happen in life," she said. "We are able to probe a little deeper. I'm not confined to a particular area in my life, and I have a little more flexibility in the choices I make."

Miller extols the virtues of the college in preparing its students for life beyond college. "Employers need students that can write and communicate well, that have some sense of bigger things going on outside their narrow field of study," Miller said.

The college establishes in its students some essential, lifelong habits even in their hectic lives as college students. According to Miller, these include reading, traveling and mastering writing and speaking skills.

The College of Liberal Arts also provides its students with valuable experiences and acquaintances. "I like the people, faculty and students," Doby said. "Everyone has something to offer." Add these experiences to the broad base of knowledge which comes from a liberal arts education, and the product is a knowledgeable, capable and rational person.

Laurie Walther, a senior speech pathology major, observes a pre-school language program through an observation window. In order for a student to graduate with a speech pathology major, they must have training outside the classroom.

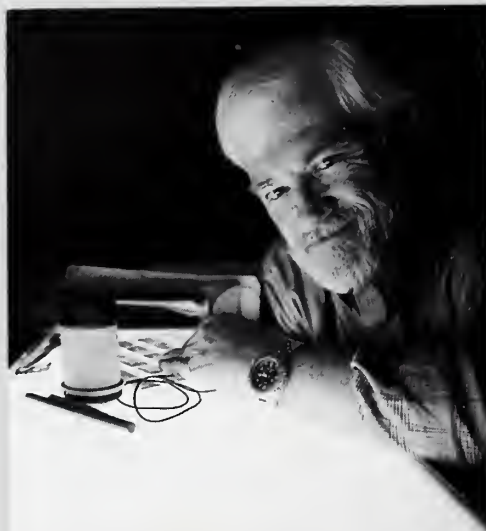
Ed Wheeler, associate professor of journalism, is always striving to improve his work. "I might never reach my goals, but I can be better than I was the day before," Wheeler said. He tries to pass on this determination to his students.

"I would like for a student to come through this program, to be exposed to all those people I've been exposed to," Wheeler said. "I get to do things other people dream about doing. I've got the best passport in the world -- me and my camera."

Wheeler has completed several photo documentaries in his career. "Hard Living: Cactus Courts" showcases the working poor in Texas, "Black Gold" focuses on the offshore oil industry, "Tattoos: Pain is just another sensation" documents tattoo artists and their customers.

Wheeler's work has been shown in several galleries including USM's Woods Gallery, the Lucille Parker Gallery at William Carey College and Icons Gallery in New Orleans. However, there is one gallery missing from his repertoire: the Amon Carter Museum in Ft. Worth, Texas.

"It would be like going to the Superbowl," Wheeler said. "It would be the epitome of class in photojournalism for me."



by Karon Clark

Lisa Munsch



Senior public relations major **Leanne Flowers** studies while waiting for her Journalism 311 class in Southern Hall.



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Library science graduate student **Julie Sass** reshelves books in the book review room in the Cook Library.

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by David Taylor

improving our lives

College of Science and Technology

Wanting to give back to the world is a powerful desire. The men and women of the College of Science and Technology have chosen to give back to future generations. Their gifts are for tomorrow's children.

The brilliant instructors and students have found a home where their talents can be used to the fullest. Whether in polymer science, biology or the other fine departments, these modern explorers know that they can leave a legacy in research or in the ranks of private enterprise. They also know that in whatever path they take, this experience has prepared them for the competition of 21st century science.

Robert Siggins, a freshman biochemistry major, said he discovered a place of support for his dream to become a doctor.

"Science furthers advancements which brings greater improvements which improves all our lives."

*-- Robert Siggins
freshman biochemistry major*

"USM's teachers care about the students," Siggins said. "The teachers really are supportive."

As a presidential scholar, Siggins said he hopes to share his skills with the underprivileged who could otherwise not afford medical care.

This year's winner of the prestigious Bennett Professorship award, biological sciences professor Dr. Frank Moore, said he high-

lights the teamwork that exists between faculty and students.

"Important for me is the opportunity to work with students, graduate students as well as undergraduate students," Moore said. "There's an effort to create an environment where you can work with students and have success."

Moore said he is also proud of the potential futures of science and technology graduates whether in graduate school or a specific profession. "The students that I have worked with are secure and competitive in the job market," Moore said.

USM is nationally recognized for its outstanding science program. At all levels and in every department, nature's secrets are hurdles to be leaped everyday with knowledge as the goal. The dedicated people of the college continue a proud tradition of generosity.

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In the coagulation lab **Melissa Jones**, senior medical technology major, checks if a patient's blood will clot properly during surgery. USM offers both an undergraduate and graduate program in medical technology.

Dr. Gordon Cannon and Dr. Sabine Heinhorst met in 1978 at the University of Hamburg while beginning research on how plants synthesize DNA. Today, their work continues laying the basis for genetic engineering. They also have been happily married for 13 years.

Both Cannon and Heinhorst are associate professors in chemistry and biochemistry. They are pleased that USM gave them the opportunity to work together. "Many places wouldn't consider it 10 years ago," Cannon said. USM was different. "It made no difference that we were married," Cannon said.

Cannon and Heinhorst work hard to maintain their family life. They have two daughters, Annie, 9, and Nobie, 5. "It's very difficult for scientists who are married to have a family," Heinhorst said. However, having your spouse working in the same field as you can help. One can go and get the kids and the other can continue the experiment.

Both agree that they are happy with the arrangement. "Our styles definitely compliment," Cannon said. "It works out."

"For women, it's especially hard," Heinhorst said. "You need a supportive spouse."

Cannon and Heinhorst hope to continue working together. "I can't imagine how it would work any other way," Cannon said.

by Karon Clark



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At the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory in Ocean Springs, research associate **Christine Trigg** investigates the effects of chemical levels on the gold and red crab.



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Doctoral student **Xiao Zeng** examines an *E.coli* culture in the molecular genetics lab. Zeng is finishing a project for his molecular biology class.

by Danielle Thomas

Working to be the best

Honors College

Picture this. It's 1 a.m., and you have just finished the first sentence of a world thought and culture paper which is due in a few hours. Zombies posing as honors students pace the hall looking lost and disoriented. This scene is not unfamiliar to the honors floors at Hillcrest and Elam Arms; yet, even with the added pressures, students are continually drawn to the Honors College.

"I like the fact that it's a small environment," said Danielle Daigle, a freshman speech communication major. "You don't feel like a number because you have advisers who know you and will help you."

Honors students benefit from smaller classes that are more in depth. "You get more out of the classes because the professors know you by name and usually give essay

type questions," said Kathy Burns, a junior chemistry and biochemistry major. "You are challenged to really understand the material instead of just responding yes or no."

"... people look up to us because we are trying to achieve more by working a step ahead of everyone else."

-- Kamini Bhakta
sophomore biochemistry major

General honors students are required to take world thought and culture as well as other courses in honors sections. Senior honors students must write a thesis with

the guidance of a chosen professor within their respective field of study.

"It is geared to make you work harder, and the thesis puts you over the top," said Leslie Walker, a senior speech communication major.

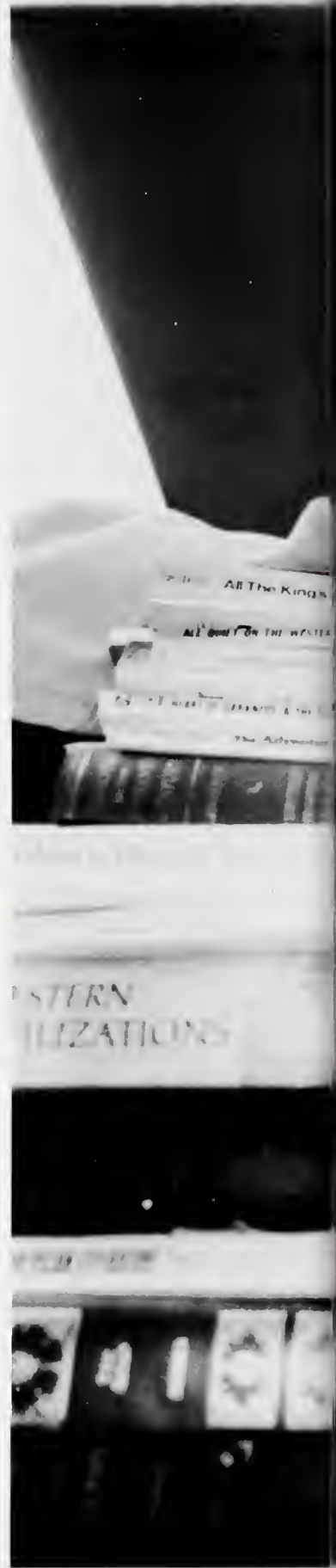
All these things lead to a good support system. "Your peers are great support for both personal and academic discussion," said Brooks Moore, a sophomore psychology major. "The faculty are really there for you and will help with your immediate and long term goals."

But are honors students different from everyone else? "People think that we are this elite group of people," said Kamini Bhakta, a sophomore biochemistry major. "I think that we are, and people look up to us because we are trying to achieve more by working a step ahead of everyone else."

There are some misconceptions about Honors College students. "Other students think honors students are completely involved in their studies and don't have a regular college life," Moore said. "Actually, honors students are actively involved in the prominent organizations on campus."

Susanna Welbourne, freshman honors college student, peers over the top of the mountain of reading required in colloquium, the four-semester class incorporating history, English and philosophy.

Dr. Thomas Richardson, coordinator of senior honors, speaks with **Kathy Burns**, a chemistry major, about her senior thesis. All Honors College students must complete a thesis in order to graduate from the Honors College.



Honors College students strive for the goal of earning their honors medal and the prestige that goes along with it.



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Hawkins Jr. High student **Scott Wheeler**, the son of Dr. Marjorie Wheeler, university forum director, speaks with American Indian activist **Russell Means** at the reception following a Forum lecture. The Honors College requires their students to take two semester hours worth of forum.

by Abigayle Farris

scholarship through interaction

Graduate School

The Graduate School is dedicated to high standards. It seeks to create people who respect scholarship, think critically, fulfill their obligations to society, appreciate cultures, express themselves creatively and foster intellectual growth of not only themselves, but also everyone around them.

Students pursuing graduate or professional degrees are well-trained and intellectually developed. The atmosphere in which they are taught to become questioning, knowledgeable citizens is one of intellectual and cultural diversity. They will improve not only the quality of their own lives, but also that of their entire community.

Students learn that having their undergraduate degree does not necessarily make obtaining their masters any easier. "The worst thing about being in graduate

school is that it is much more time consuming than undergrad, but you can work at your own pace," said Zachary Melvin an urban planning/geography major.

Nineteen percent of the student body is composed

of graduate students. This percentage grows every semester as prospective students learn of the mission, technique and product of the school.

Amy Johnson of Hattiesburg knew she wanted to attend USM. "I stayed at USM because I knew that it had one of the best audiology programs in the southeast." The reputation was not the only thing that influenced her. "The size of the classes gives students a more complete experience," Johnson said. Her experience as a graduate student has given her knowledge not only in her field of study, but also in many aspects of her life.

"I like the professional atmosphere," said David Timmins, a counseling psychology major. "There seems to be a more personal relationship with professors because classes are smaller and all of the students are interested in the courses."

Students are encouraged by their professors to be better scholars and individuals. Professors are encouraged by their students to become the best instructors they possibly can.

"The professors commitment to excellence in academics and preparing us for the industrys can be seen in our future successes," said Steven Palazzo a masters of professional accountancy student.

Graduate student Gena Nobile listens as Jeff Porche presents an idea for his dissertation in class.



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For every graduate student, receiving their hood at graduation is the pinnacle of their college career.



Social work graduate student **Linda Pendleton** cheers in support of Miss gubernatorial candidate Dick Molpus during a rally he held on Kennard Washington Lawn prior to the election.



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Health and Human Performance doctoral student **Cathy Fuller** leads her aerobics class in the Payne Center.

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by Joanne Marsh

azzling performances

Arts Productions

The College of the Arts offers many opportunities to arts lovers on campus and in the surrounding community of Hattiesburg. Each year there are more than 500 public concerts and recitals, theater productions, dance concerts and art exhibitions presented on campus by students, faculty and guest artists. This year was no exception. The 1995-1996 academic year was a benchmark year in the arts programs at USM.

The School of Music offered a multitude of performances throughout the year. The highlight for the USM Symphony Orchestra was the sold-out performance in February with violin virtuoso Itzhak Perlman. "This is the most significant classical instrumental event ever to happen in the state of Mississippi," said Jay Dean, USM Symphony Orchestra director. "There is no artist in the world that is as sought after as Itzhak Perlman." Dean said USM is one of only a few university orchestras with which Perlman has ever agreed to play.

"For us, the students, it's creating the theater, from the visual to the acting."

--Tim Davis
graduate student, theater

The Department of Theater and Dance offered a diverse schedule of performances including a concert by Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, the national dance company visited the USM campus and Hattiesburg offering educational and performance opportunities as part of Black History Month.

Other productions for the year included *Working*, *The Swan*, *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*, *Three Sisters*, *Dancing at Lughnasa*, as well as the Young Choreographers' Concert and the Spring Dance Concert.

Tim Davis, a graduate student in theater, participated in *Three Sisters* and directed *Keely and Du*. He said the most important aspect for students is the process. "For us, the students, it's creating the theater, from the visual to the acting," Davis said.

For the first time in history, the C.W. Woods Art Gallery hosted a "Graphic Communications" exhibit. This show, sponsored by the American Institute of Graphic Arts, featured the "Best Graphic Design of 1994." The gallery also hosted its first Invitational Alumni Exhibition featuring Warren Dennis.

Because of such performances and exhibitions as these, the university and surrounding community are regarded as cultural centers.

Christopher Lanier and Norma Salazar-Ponce, members of the USM orchestra, applaud world-renowned violinist Itzhak Perlman after an outstanding performance. Due to Perlman's popularity, the concert in Bennett Auditorium was sold-out months in advance.



Helle Aasand

At the first Invitational Alumni Exhibition, alumnus **Warren Dennis**, one of the first graduates from USM's art program, displays excerpts from his collection. **Dr. Aubrey K. Lucas** was one of the many special guests who attended Dennis' first showing in the C.W. Woods Art Gallery.





Students **Raymond Ferguson** and **Lori Brown** dance in "Alpha," a piece performed during the *Young Choreographers' Concert 1995*. "Alpha" is one of nine pieces that was selected to be performed at the dance concert in the Bennett Auditorium.



Helle Aasand



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Actresses **Pamela Scherr**, **Kelton Pullen** and **Dori Garziano** surround **Tim Xavier Davis** in the play *The Three Sisters*. The play focuses on three sisters and the people around them in a provincial Russian town before the turn of the century.

Helle Aasand

by Reginald Taylor

earning from heritage

Black History Month

Black History Month is a time for African-Americans to celebrate the trials and achievements of their ancestors. They also celebrate this annual holiday in order to continue what their ancestors started: striving for the best in life regardless of the situation or circumstances presented.

"African-Americans must realize that we are the minority and that we must use our intelligence in order to defeat inequality and racism," said Brian Henderson, a freshman from Pearl.

"When I think about the struggle my ancestors did for African-Americans, I know that I have to achieve all my goals, overcoming any obstacles," said junior Darius Taylor of Hattiesburg.

Cultural contributions are a focus of activities and students celebrating Black History Month. Students participate in many events which include poetry readings, the NAACP Business Fair, distribution of buttons and literature by the

AASO and a theater production by AASO.

"When I think about the struggle my ancestors did for African-Americans, I know that I have to achieve all my goals, overcoming any obstacles."

--Darius Taylor
junior

One of the month's successful events was a poetry reading held by the black Greeks on Feb. 22, 1996. The Greeks read poetry by black authors, introduced professional poets and concluded with song.

"This poetry reading was a success because it showed unity and strength in young black adults," said Rena Myles, a member of Sigma Gamma Rho. "It also was inspiring and even poignant."

Students also had a chance to speak with representatives from local businesses at the Minority Business and Industry Fair and Exposition. The exposition, sponsored by the USM student chapter of the NAACP, gave students an opportunity to observe existing minority businesses and to explore various job opportunities available in their field.

What does Black History Month mean to me? How will I benefit from this special occasion? These are questions that some students and faculty ponder during February.

"African-American History Month is special because it shows that African-Americans are special," said Jimmie Jones, English instructor. "Through our hardships and accomplishments, we are somebody, and our voice counts."

Actors Lawrence Jenkins, Jeffro Johnson and Noel Rogers perform in "Our Young Black Men Are Dying and Nobody Seems to Care." The performance, held in the Saenger Theatre in downtown Hattiesburg, is a series of plays and choreopoems focusing on aspects of homelessness, drugs, education and societal violence.



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NAACP President **Craig Duckworth** gives thanks to local business representatives for their participation in the Minority Business Fair. Duckworth, a junior, is one of the students who helped with the founding of the USM NAACP chapter.



Students speak with representatives from local businesses at the Minority Business and Industry Fair and Exposition. The exposition, sponsored by the USM student chapter of the NAACP, was held in the Payne Center on Feb. 28.

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by Melissa Rector and Missy Risher

dedicated to achievement

Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities

Each year a select group of graduating seniors is chosen for the nationally recognized honor of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. Candidates are nominated by faculty and staff members and student leaders. A committee of USM faculty and staff and the National Who's Who Office select the honorees based on scholarship, extracurricular activities, leadership and service to both the university and the community.

"Selection into Who's Who has given me a great sense of my own individual achievements as well as a realization of what strides one can make when part of a group. I am proud to be named among the campus leaders that share this honor with me," English major Cati Diamond said.

"It is very rewarding to know that faculty as well as other student leaders would recognize us as a group with this honor and applaud our efforts in academics, activities and community service," environmental biology major Allison Wilson said.

The highest honor that a student can receive at

USM is induction into the Hall of Fame. These are students who have shown exemplary scholastic achievement, involvement and leadership in extracurricular activities, campus life and service to the university, other students and the community.

In addition, one male and one female are chosen from the graduating senior class as Best Citizens. These are well-rounded student leaders who have exemplified good citizenship and service while maintaining an above average academic standing.

The Phi Kappa Phi Silver Bowl winner is the highest scholastic honor that a student can receive at USM. To receive this honor, the student must be a senior, a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and have a cumulative USM grade point average of 4.0.

"USM has given me the opportunity to explore various fields of study and to choose my own future. Through interaction with the faculty and students, I have learned about myself and what I want to be," Phi Kappa Phi Silver Bowl winner Russ Thomas said.

Jill Kristen Alexander

Major: Marketing

Activities: Chi Omega President, Women's Tennis Team, Student Government Association, Southern Style, Golden Girls, Greek Seekers, SAA, Student Eagle Club, Diamond Darlings, Campus Crusade for Christ, College Republicans, Order of Omega, Dean's List



Claudette Lunjee Alford

Major: Accounting

Activities: Delta Sigma Theta, Student Government Association, Afro-American Student Organization, SAA, Gamma Beta Phi, Phi Beta Lambda, Alpha Lambda Delta, Afro-American Student Organization Scholar Award, Dean's List, President's List



Kimberly Marie Anthony

Major: Accounting

Activities: Women's Cross Country/Track Team, Wesley Foundation President, Beta Alpha Psi, Gamma Beta Phi, Alpha Lambda Delta, Honors Student Association, Exchange Student to Wales



Amy Therese Baumgartner

Major: Elementary Education

Activities: Delta Delta Delta President, Student Government Association, Southern Style, PACERS, BACCHUS, Volunteer Resource Center, Lambda Sigma, Golden Key, Gamma Beta Phi, Gamma Alpha Epsilon, Dean's List, President's List





Dena Darleen Boatman

Major: Elementary Education
Activities: Delta Delta Delta Treasurer, Student Government Association, PACERS, Eagle Connection, Panhellenic Council, Rush Counselor, Baptist Student Union, Lambda Sigma, Phi Delta Rho, Golden Key, Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Eta Sigma



Annie Lemes Bourg

Major: Exercise Physiology
Activities: Chi Omega, Student Eagle Club, SAA, Catholic Student Association, Eagle Connection, Exercise Physiology Club, College Republicans, Rush Counselor, Dean's List, National Dean's List, President's List



Selena Renee Brown

Major: Speech Pathology & Audiology
Activities: Phi Mu President, The Pride, Dixie Darlings, Golden Girls, Student Government Association, SAA, Gold Tenders, Student Speech & Hearing Association, Order of Omega, Gamma Beta Phi, Dean's List



Jana Diane Bunkley

Major: Psychology
Activities: Delta Delta Delta, Student Government Association, PACERS, Eagle Connection, Golden Girls, SAA, Phi Delta Rho President, Omicron Delta Kappa, Order of Omega, Golden Key, Gamma Beta Phi, Lambda Sigma, Alpha Lambda Delta, Honors Student Association



Norman James Cannon

Major: Vocal Music Education
Activities: Army ROTC, USM Chorale, University Singers, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Reformed University Fellowship, Baptist Student Union, Oratorio Chorus, The Pride, Gamma Beta Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa, Scabbard and Blade National Honor Society



Jennifer Gail Clark

Major: Biochemistry
Activities: Alpha Epsilon Delta President, American Chemical Society Student Affiliates, Campus Crusade for Christ, Pi Tau Chi, Honors Student Association, Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Delta Rho, Gamma Beta Phi, Alpha Lambda Delta



James Patrick Crossland

Major: Music Performance
Activities: The Pride, USM Jazz Band, Sacbutt Consort, Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Mu Phi Epsilon, Mississippi Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Concerto Competition Winner, Dean's List



Catherine Elizabeth Diamond

Major: English
Activities: Delta Delta Delta President, Student Government Association, Greek Seekers, Golden Girls, Order of Omega, Gamma Alpha Epsilon, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Delta Rho, Lambda Sigma, Gamma Beta Phi, Dean's List, National Dean's List, President's List



David Michael Estorge

Major: Marine Biology
Activities: Student Government Association President, Alpha Tau Omega, Interfraternity Council Vice President, American Marketing Association, Eagle Connection, Southern Style, Student Spirit Committee, Mississippi Student Body President's Council, Lambda Sigma



Robyn JoAnne Ezell

Major: Nursing
Activities: Chi Omega President, Women's Track Team, National Student Nurses Association, Student Nurses Association, SAA, Student Eagle Club, Sigma Theta Tau, Omicron Delta Kappa, Gamma Beta Phi, Phi Delta Rho, Dean's List, President's List



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Who's Who

University of Southern Mississippi

Sheena LaNundra Glover

Major: Office Administrative Services

Activities: Delta Sigma Theta President, Student Government Association, Afro-American Student Organization, Golden Girls, Residence Hall Association, UAC, Statler Foundation Scholarship



Heather Allison Hirschfeld

Major: Mathematics

Activities: Southern Style, University Singers, SAA, British Studies Program, Honors Student Association, Gamma Beta Phi Vice President, Kappa Mu Epsilon, Phi Eta Sigma, Alpha Lambda Delta, Leadership Scholarship, Dean's List, National Dean's List



Christina Ann Jackson

Major: Accounting

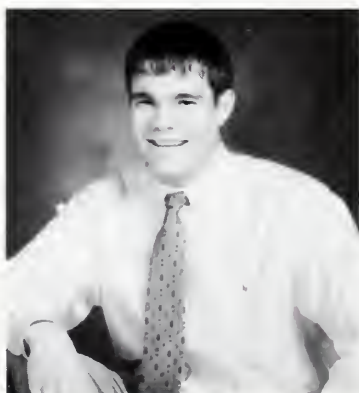
Activities: CBA Student Advisory Council, USM Chorale, USM Oratorio, Pro Musica, Honors Student Association Treasurer, Beta Gamma Sigma Vice President, Golden Key, Beta Alpha Psi, Phi Delta Rho, Phi Kappa Phi, Dean's List, President's List



Lance Christopher Johnson

Major: Management Information Systems

Activities: Alpha Tau Omega, Interfraternity Council, USM Cheerleader Co-captain, SAA, Rush Counselor, Gamma Beta Phi, Phi Chi Theta, Order of Omega, Gamma Alpha Epsilon, Lambda Sigma, Dean's List



Allison Marie Gendusa

Major: Accounting

Activities: Delta Delta Delta, Greek Seekers, Golden Girls, CBA Student Advisory Council, Beta Alpha Psi, Lambda Sigma, Phi Delta Rho, Gamma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Beta Sigma, Alpha Lambda Delta, USM Leadership Scholarship



Robert Quinton Harris

Major: Business Administration

Activities: American Marketing Association President, Wesley Foundation, SAA, The Pride, Student Eagle Club, College Republicans, Gamma Beta Phi, Phi Eta Sigma, Music Performance Scholarship, Dean's Scholar



Regina Marie Hood

Major: Marketing

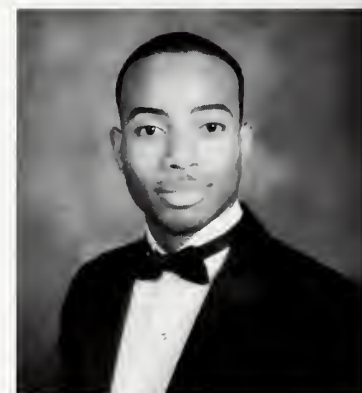
Activities: Delta Delta Delta, Student Government Association, Southern Style, Panhellenic Council, American Marketing Association, Volunteer Resource Center, Order of Omega, Gamma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Delta Rho, Gamma Beta Phi, Lambda Sigma



Jerlando Fernandez Jackson

Major: Music Education

Activities: Kappa Alpha Psi, Men of Excellence, NAACP, Afro-American Student Organization, The Pride, USM Symphony Orchestra, College of the Arts Advisory Board, Gamma Beta Phi, Order of Omega, National Dean's List



Kristen Lynn Karchnick

Major: Athletic Training

Activities: Women's Cross Country/Track Team, Student Athletic Advisory Committee President, Sports Medicine Association, Conference USA Student Athlete Representative, Gamma Beta Phi State President, USM Student Athlete of the Year, Dean's List





Monique Marie LeBlanc

Major: Psychology
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Gregory Mitchell Lee

Major: Recreation
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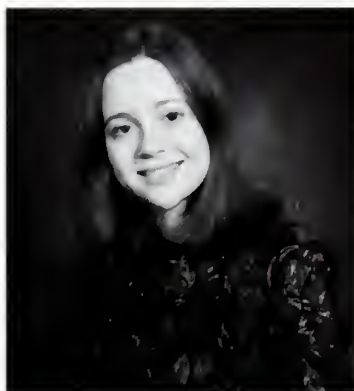
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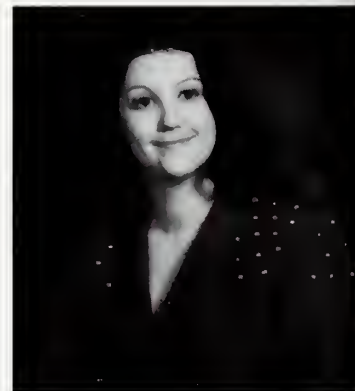
Leslie Francis Walker

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Phi Kappa Phi & Best Citizens



Russell Seamon Thomas

Phi Kappa Phi Bowl Winner

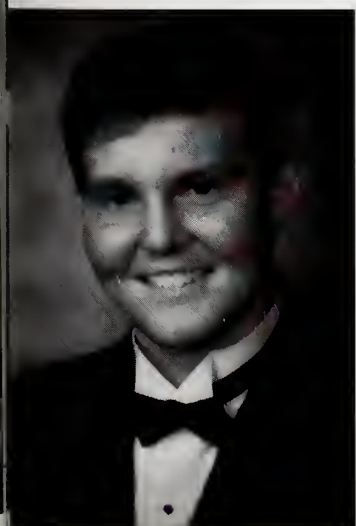
Russell Seamon Thomas, a biochemistry major from Vicksburg, is the son of S.C. and Diane Thomas. While attending USM, Russell has been a member of the Baptist Student Union, Union Board, Gamma Beta Phi, Phi Eta Sigma, Honors Student Association, Phi Kappa Phi and Golden Key Honor Society. He served as president of Omicron Delta Kappa and vice president of Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Med Honor Society. He is a member of the University Forum Committee, American Chemical Society Student Affiliates and Alpha Lambda Delta. He was chosen as an Outstanding Freshman Male and is an honorary member of the Division of Analytical Chemists. Russell interned at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City for two summers and gave a presentation of his research at the Mississippi Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting. He received the CRC Handbook Award for General Chemistry as well as awards in organic chemistry, general physics, analytical chemistry and biochemistry. Russell is an Eagle Scout with a Bronze Palm in the Boy Scouts of America. After graduation, Russell plans to attend medical school and specialize in internal medicine. His ultimate goal is to be a medical school professor researching a specific disease.



Alice Elaine Miller

Best Citizen

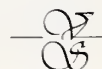
Alice Elaine Miller is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edward J. Miller III of Ruston, La. Alice is a biological sciences major. During her years at USM, Alice has been involved in Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society, Wesley Foundation and Greek Seekers. She is a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority where she has served as pledge educator, philanthropy chairperson and on the standards committee. She served as the campus life co-editor for the *Southerner*, as a Southern Style orientation leader and on the Student Government Association recycling committee and spirit builders committee. Alice is a member of the Student Alumni Association, Honors Student Association and Lambda Sigma Honor Society. She was elected to the homecoming court as the freshman maid, junior maid and student body maid. She chaired the philanthropic events and fund-raisers for the Children's Cancer Centers of Mississippi and helped organize data for the USM Herbarium. After graduation, she plans to work for the conservation and preservation of the nation's botanical resources.



Stephen Lane Hatten

Best Citizen

Stephen Lane Hatten, a biological sciences major, is the son of Dr. Lewis and Betty Bly Hatten of Hattiesburg. Stephen is a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity where he held several offices including pledge class president, tribune and treasurer. He also played two years of varsity baseball as a catcher for the Golden Eagles. He is a member of the Student Eagle Club, Interfraternity Council, PACERS, Alpha Lambda Delta, Gamma Beta Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa, Golden Key and Gamma Alpha Epsilon. He was chosen as an Outstanding Freshman Male and received the Greek Life Outstanding Fraternity Pledge Award. Stephen received the Metro Conference Scholastic Special Recognition Award for two consecutive years as well as Gamma Alpha Epsilon's Scholastic Award for both his junior and senior years. The Sigma Chi chapter established the Stephen Hatten Award, named after its first recipient, to annually honor the member who most clearly embodies the ideals of Sigma Chi. He was also presented with a Life Loyal membership in the Sigma Chi Fraternity. After graduation, Stephen plans to pursue a career in medicine.



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Jennifer Gail Clark

Luling, Louisiana

Jennifer Gail Clark, a biochemistry and pre-medicine major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harlon L. Clark. Jennifer is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, Golden Key, Phi Delta Rho, Phi Kappa Phi, Gamma Beta Phi, Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Eta Sigma, Oratorio Chorus, American Chemical Society Student Affiliates, Campus Crusade for Christ and Pi Tau Chi. She has served as both the president and vice president of Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Medical Honor Society and as the class representative for the Honors Student Association. Jennifer is a USM Presidential Scholar and was awarded the freshman and sophomore Honors College Colloquium Book Award. She is an O.L. and Marie Sims Scholar, a KPMG Peat Marwick Scholar and a recipient of the biochemistry award. Jennifer worked for eight weeks during the summer with New York inner city children in a Campus Crusade for Christ ministry project. Jennifer plans to practice as a family physician after finishing medical school.



David Michael Estorge

Metairie, Louisiana

David Michael Estorge, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard F. Estorge, is a marine biology major. David is active with the Student Government Association where he was elected Student Government president. He also served on the election commission, students for the United Way committee and as the director of research and planning. He is a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity where he served on the philanthropy committee, homecoming committee and as the campus involvement coordinator. He is a member of the American Marketing Association, Eagle Connection, Southern Style, Gamma Beta Phi and Lambda Sigma. He was the treasurer for Lambda Sigma as well as the junior and senior adviser. David served as vice president for the Interfraternity Council where he coordinated the Adopt-a-School program. He participated on many university committees including student spirit, parking task force and the president's council. After graduation, David plans to pursue his graduate degree and ultimately work in the division of student affairs in higher education.



Jacqueline Deneise Ledger

Grenada, Mississippi

A criminal justice major, Jacqueline Deneise Ledger is the daughter of Dorothy R. Beasley. Jacqueline is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. where she served as the hospitality committee chair and the official hostess. She is a member of Southern Style, Phi Delta Rho, Omicron Delta Kappa, Order of Omega, Eagle Connection, Residence Hall Association and Afro-American Student Organization. She worked as a resident assistant and was a member of the student/faculty committee on student organizations. Jacqueline was active in the Student Government Association where she served as the assistant public relations director, the public relations director and executive assistant to the president. She was also president of the Gold Tenders. She was the recipient of a USM Leadership Scholarship and the Georgia-Pacific Scholarship. She participated in many community service activities including tutoring at Pinehaven and working on Trykes for Tykes. Jacqueline plans to become a prosecuting attorney.

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John Claro Onate

Gulfport, Mississippi

John Claro Onate, a biology major, is the son of Dr. Claro and Martha Onate. John served as the president of PACERS. He is a member of Gamma Beta Phi and Golden Key National Honor Society. He served on the University Forum Committee and USM Wellness Committee. He was a mentor for the Honors College and served as president of the Hattiesburg Hall Council. John is a member of USM's "Pride of Mississippi" Marching Band and serves as a section leader. He is a member of the Symphonic Winds, the Contemporary Music Ensemble and USM Trombone Choir. He served on the search committee for a health educator and was a member of the Wellness Week Planning Committee. After graduation, John plans to attend medical school.



Russell Seamon Thomas

Vicksburg, Mississippi

Russell Seamon Thomas is the son of S.C. and Diane Thomas. He is a chemistry major with an emphasis in biochemistry. Russell served as the president of Omicron Delta Kappa, vice president of Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Medical Honor Society and the senior adviser of Alpha Lambda Delta. He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key, Gamma Beta Phi, Phi Eta Sigma, Union Board, Honors Student Association and the BSU. He has held several offices in the American Chemical Society Student Affiliates and is an honorary member of the division of analytical chemists. Russell spent two summers interning at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. He also made a research presentation at the Mississippi Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting. He is an Eagle Scout with a Bronze Palm in the Boy Scouts of America. He was awarded the U.S. Congress Barry Goldwater Fellowship for Science, Math and Engineering. Russell plans to attend medical school and specialize in a field of internal medicine.



Leslie Francis Walker

Petal, Mississippi

Leslie Francis Walker, a speech communication major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Walker Jr. Leslie is a member of Kappa Delta Sorority where she has held many offices including treasurer and pledge class vice president. She is a member of Southern Style, Eagle Connection, Greek Seekers, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Delta Rho, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma, Order of Omega, Gamma Alpha Epsilon, SAA, BACCHUS, Campus Crusade for Christ, Lambda Sigma, Honors Student Association, Panhellenic Council, PACERS and Student Eagle Club. Leslie was chosen as the Most Outstanding Freshman Woman and was the president of Alpha Lambda Delta, Speech Communication Association and Golden Key. She has served the Student Government Association as Director of Associates, United Way Chairman and Election Commission member. She received the Kappa Delta National Leadership Award. Leslie's future plans are to be an organizational consultant and own a restaurant.

by Melissa Dudley

Looking into the future

Fall Commencement

The fall commencement ceremony held on Dec. 15 was the last day of many students' college careers. Graduating students prepared to leave behind their college days and enter the real world.

"So, Golden Eagles, the time has come for you to spread your golden wings and soar!" said David A. Sheffield, commencement speaker.

His words rang throughout Reed Green Coliseum as the nearly 1,000 graduates waited to receive their degrees. USM President Dr. Aubrey K. Lucas conferred 753 undergraduate and 237 graduate degrees to the graduating students.

Sheffield encouraged the graduating class to remove the racist stereotype of the state of Mississippi and to move the state into a stronger stance. Sheffield, a '72 graduate of Southern Miss and a former reporter for a local radio station, is now a Hollywood screenwriter.

"Today is a dream come true for my entire family. I am one of the first members in my family to graduate from college."

--Tiffany Powell
Slidell, La.

Many of the graduating students are glad to move on but will not soon forget their college days.

Edwin Edelinski of Long Beach is excited about his future. "I plan to work as a personal trainer on the coast and eventually open my own gym,"

Edelinski said.

Erika Selenberg of Metairie, La., said, "I am looking forward to starting graduate school in the spring and continuing my education here at Southern."

"Today is a dream come true for my entire family," said Tiffany Powell of Slidell, La. "I am one of the first members in my family to graduate from college. Looking back, I know all of the hard work was worth it, and I am happy for the opportunity to be here today."

Closing remarks were made by Dr. Lucas. He congratulated the class on the outstanding achievement of completing their degrees and having set a goal and worked toward it.

Sheffield said it best when he said, "You not only survived, you endured, you prevailed and you realized that bumper sticker on the back of your car was true: No Fear!"

A shot from the spectators' viewpoint shows the enormous size of the graduating class. Included in the ceremonies are the faculty who are seated directly behind the students.



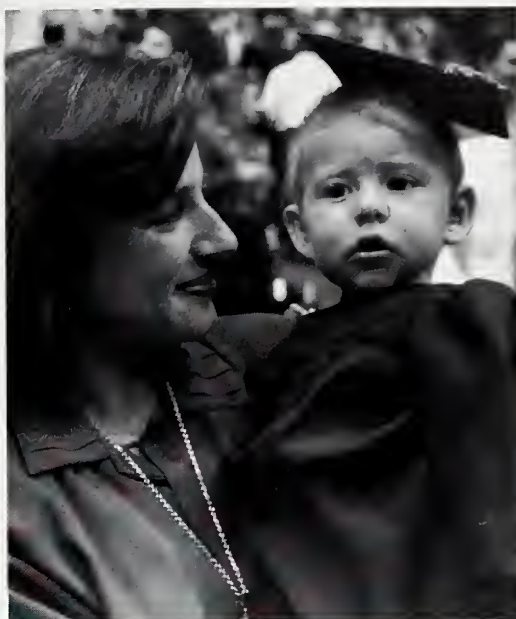
Lisa Munsch

Hollywood screen writer and USM alumnus **David Sheffield** delivers the commencement address to the graduates. His speech emphasizes the importance of earning a degree.





Graduate **Albena Fairchild** and her 8-month-old son, **Brandon**, participate in the commencement ceremonies which included walking across the stage together.



Lisa Munsch



Lisa Munsch

Each year graduates display their personal thoughts and appreciations on their caps. Popular phrases range from "FINALLY" to "THANK MOM AND DAD" on top.

Lisa Munsch



Defensive tackle
Quentin Jackson
 (90) leads the Golden Eagles
 through a banner at Home-
 coming. After a hard fought
 battle, USM lost the game
 34-36 on a last second field
 goal by East Carolina.



Fulfilling the Sports *Vision*

by Greg Lee

With the dawning of Conference USA comes a new era of excitement for USM sports. Although the name is different, the tradition of an accomplished athletic program remains the same.

College athletics is a vital part of every student's life on campus from the first football game to the final baseball game of the season. Sports provide social interaction, a feeling of school pride and a place for people with so many differences to come together.

"College athletics is something that only a few people participate in, but represents the entire school in a positive light . . ." junior Ricardo Vita said. "It gives the student body a sense of pride."

Reed Green Coliseum and M.M. Roberts Stadium aren't the only places that students are involved in sports. "I used to play basketball at another college," Craig Hunt, senior recreation major said. "So it's great to still be able to play intramurals even if it's just for the fun of competition."

Whether in the Payne Center or on the intramural fields or the sports arena field, it's always easy to find a group of people taking advantage of sporting opportunities.

Sports provide a way, regardless of talent or skill level, for us to deal with the daily trials and tribulations that go along with trying to fulfill our visions.

Mark Lee



Mark Lee

Guard Patricia Nash (12) defends against a member of the St. Louis University women's basketball team. The Lady Billikens are also members of Conference USA.



Kelly McCarty (21) fights for a rebound during the Memphis game. The Memphis Tigers joined USM in the new all-sport athletic conference, Conference USA.



David Massing

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*Through
the creation of
Conference USA,
Southern Miss sports*

By Chris Morgan

For many years, USM athletic teams were not part of an all-sports conference. If a sport or two did represent the university in a conference, it was a conference not filled with prestige or tradition. Since joining forces with schools from the Great Midwest, Southwest and other teams from the Metro Conference, the USM Golden Eagles become a part of the newest conference in the country: Conference USA.

Many people don't realize what a difference being a part of an athletic conference can make. Belonging to a conference allows the schools to have nationwide publicity. This, in turn, brings more attention to each university by way of television contracts and ultimately through revenues and national exposure.

One example of the dividends that are derived was the nationally televised basketball game between USM and DePaul on Jan. 13. The Eagles made a good showing in front of a national audience as they defeated the DePaul Blue Demons handily 82-67.

The men's basketball team is not the only program which will reap benefits from being in a conference. For the conference champion in football, a spot in the Liberty Bowl will guarantee the majority of \$750,000 for that university. The rest of the money will be distributed throughout the other teams in the conference. Just by joining the conference, greater revenues are guaranteed to each participating school.

Being in a conference will also give the USM athletic programs a boost in recruiting. It makes a tremendous difference to high school athletes if they can go to a university and play in front of hundreds, sometimes thousands, of people. That added dimension was something that USM was missing in the past. As part of the Metro Conference, the teams didn't receive much publicity. Now, with teams like Cincinnati, Marquette and DePaul helping to attract fan support, USM can boast of a competitive, talent-filled conference in which to play.

USM has long needed a conference to showcase its appealing features, both on and off the court, on a national scale. By joining Conference USA, it has the opportunity to gain publicity and financial dividends in a conference featuring some of the best teams in the country.

Chris Buckhalter (36) defines the 1995 season as he struggles through the number three-ranked University of Tennessee defense. Despite their efforts, the Golden Eagles lost the game 0 to 42.



Lisa Munsch

Coach Jeff Bower gives James Robinson (98) a pat on the helmet for a job well done against the Tulane Green Wave.

Quarterback Heath Graham (6) maneuvers past a Louisville Cardinals defensive back at a game in M. M. Roberts Stadium. Southern Miss took an early lead and went on to a 25-21 victory.



Mark Lee

In a last ditch effort, Jeff Favre (27) stops Tulane quarterback Shaun King (10). Against the Green Wave, Southern Miss recorded its first shutout in three years.





David Massing



Lisa Munsch

fourth and LONG

After a season of close calls, the Southern Miss football team ends up

By Thomas Baker

The 1995 Golden Eagle football team began the season with hopes of winning the alliance race for the Liberty Bowl. With 17 starters returning from the '94 season to add their valuable experience, USM fans had good reason to be excited.

The university took advantage of the increased "Eagle Attitude" around campus and the community. They began "Sellout '95", an aggressive campaign to sell out M.M. Roberts Stadium.

Over 32,000 fans filled the stands in support of the Golden Eagles as they faced Northern Illinois in the home opener. Led by sophomore quarterback Heath Graham, the Golden Eagles defeated the Huskies 45-13 in front of only the third sellout crowd in USM history.

The Golden Eagles were flying high into Birmingham for their next game against the Alabama Crimson Tide. USM dominated the first half and led Alabama 17-3 at halftime. Alabama battled back in the third quarter to take the lead. USM fought back in the fourth quarter and regained the lead on a 35-yard Chris Pierce field goal with only two minutes left in the game.

In typical Bama fashion, the Crimson Tide pulled out a 24-20 victory over USM with a 35-yard touchdown pass on fourth down with only 17 seconds left on the clock.

A bruised and bewildered USM team traveled to Utah to face the Aggies of Utah State. The Eagles were highly favored, but only managed to defeat the Aggies by a score of 24-21. USM was led by senior running back Chris Buckhalter who made his debut after serving a two-game suspension for disciplinary reasons.

USM traveled to Big Ten country for their next game against the Indiana Hoosiers. The Hoosiers defeated the Golden Eagles in a heartbreaking loss of 27-26. The USM special teams struggled in this game, missing two costly extra point attempts and a field goal attempt.

After three hard weeks on the road, the Golden Eagles returned home to a large crowd and a much needed victory over Tulane. The 45-0 victory gave USM its first shutout in John Thompson's three-year career as defensive coordinator. (Cont. on pg. 77)



Mark Lee

Wide receiver **Fred Brock** (7) beats two East Carolina defenders for a diving catch. Despite his efforts, the Eagles lost a nail-biter to the Pirates 34-36.

Junior wide receiver **Kendrick Lee** (89) turns the corner and eludes two Tulane defenders. Southern Miss dominated the Green Wave 45-0 in front of the home crowd at M.M. Roberts Stadium.



Mark Lee



Eugene Harmon (22), a senior linebacker, escapes the hold of an East Carolina lineman and stops a Pirate running back for no gain. Despite giving it all they had for four quarters, the Eagles came up short 34-36.

scorecard

Southern Miss	20	Southern Miss	26	Southern Miss	25	Southern Miss	34	Southern Miss	17
Alabama	24	Indiana	27	Louisville	21	East Carolina	36	Memphis	9
Southern Miss	45	Southern Miss	24	Southern Miss	45	Southern Miss	13	Southern Miss	35
Northern Ill.	13	Utah State	21	Tulane	0	Cincinnati	16	Tennessee	42
								S.W. Louisiana	32



Mark Lee

USM welcomed Louisville for the next home game. The Eagles struggled against the Cardinals, but managed to pull out a 25-21 victory. On a key fourth-quarter drive, Chris Buckhalter dove into the end zone for the winning touchdown.

A trip to Cincinnati was up next for the Golden Eagles. A victory in this meeting would have all but secured a trip to the Liberty Bowl. However, the Bearcats had other plans. They upset USM 16-13 on a field goal with only two seconds left on the clock.

The Golden Eagles had two weeks to prepare for what was to be the game of the year: USM vs. East Carolina. The winner in this clash would have the inside track to the Liberty Bowl.

Fans packed the stands as they prepared to watch a battle of wills and enjoy homecoming festivities.

The Pirates dominated USM all night because of fake punt plays and USM turnovers. Despite this, the Eagles found themselves with a chance to win the game. They took the lead on a fourth-quarter touchdown drive.

With only 51 seconds left to play, Pirate quarterback Marcus Crandle engineered a game-winning drive that ended up on the USM 27-yard line. ECU lined up for a field goal attempt.

They faked the kick and tried a hail mary pass instead. Due to a pass interference call, the Pirates were able to kick an easy field goal with only seconds left on the clock.

The Pirates claimed the 36-34 victory. This last-second field goal all but destroyed USM's bowl hopes. "I've never been more disappointed in my life," said linebacker Marchant Kenney.

With the heartbreaking loss to ECU still on their minds, the Golden Eagles traveled to historic Neyland Stadium to meet the Tennessee Volunteers. The 93,433 Volunteer fans had ample opportunity to chant "Rocky Top" as their team punished USM 42-0.

USM went on to play Memphis in the annual "Black and Blue Bowl." Black and blue was a good description for both teams. Each team played a very physical defensive game, but it was USM who posted the 17-9 victory over the Tigers.

Cajun Field is always a tough place to play, and this was no exception. The Golden Eagles season finale against the Ragin' Cajuns of Southwestern Louisiana secured a winning season for the team as they defeated SLU 35-32.

The Golden Eagles managed to record a winning season (6-5) for the second straight year, but their hopes for a bowl berth did not materialize.

Golden Eagle fans and players alike were disappointed by the 1995 football season, but the coaching staff was encouraged by the team's determination. Despite losses on the road earlier in the year, the Eagles were able to win their final two games on the road to pull out the winning season.

As wide receiver Ryan Pearson said, "The guys never gave up."

"We came back and won the last two games for a winning season when most people would have chunked it."

-- Coach Jeff Bower



Mark Lee

Guard **Nedra Hosey** (11) drives past her opponent on the way to the basket during a Conference USA game at Reed Green Coliseum.

Sophomore **Felicia Hoad** (21) looks to pass the ball to an open player against the Lady Bearcats of Cincinnati. The Lady Eagles won the game 67-55.



Mark Lee



Sophomore forward **Brandy Reed** (00) battles for the ball during a game against the Lady Billikens of St. Louis University.



David Massing

right on TRACK

*The leadership
of veterans and
emergence of new
talent have combined
to keep the Lady Eagles*

By Danielle Thomas

The Lady Eagles have traveled to the NCAA tournament for two consecutive years, but with a new conference, no one knew what shape the '95-'96 season would take. The Lady Eagles were predicted to finish third in Conference USA and first in the Red Division.

Senior guard Patricia Nash of Philadelphia, Miss., returned for her final year with the Lady Eagles. Nash was unanimously named to the All-Metro team last year after leading the league in scoring. She was named Most Valuable Player of the Metro Conference Tournament. Nash is currently in fourth place in all time Lady Eagle scoring history.

"Nash is an excellent three-point shooter and penetrator," Head Coach Kay James said. "She will be missed when she graduates because she plays well on offense and defense."

Also back for another year was junior Nedra Hosey of Bay Springs. Hosey played in all 30 games last season and led the league in assists.

"Nedra is our floor leader and a great point guard," James said. "She stays aggressive on both ends of the floor."

Before suffering an injury early last season, forward Brandy Reed of San Francisco was averaging 19 points per game. Her recovery made a winning season look promising.

"Brandy is a total athlete who can shoot the three pointer," James said. "She has been very consistent."

At the beginning of February, the Lady Eagles were doing well with a 16-3 record.

One of the biggest victories of the season came when the Lady Eagles defeated 10th-ranked Texas Tech 79-76 in the Oakland Tribune Classic in December.

"We were prepared going into that game," Hosey said. "We went over their plays and felt confident going into the game."

Even more impressive was the fact that the Lady Eagles were undefeated in Conference USA. They have gained respect among their opponents. (Con't. on Pg. 81)



Mark Lee

Point guard Patricia Nash (12), a senior from Philadelphia, Miss., helps the Lady Eagles to a win by launching a three pointer over a defenders head.

Freshman Lisa Baswell (13) battles two defenders on the boards for a tough layup during a game at Reed Green Coliseum.



Mark Lee



Forward Laveta Williams (34), a senior from Columbia, goes over an outstretch defender and makes a jumpshot.



David Massing

They earned that respect by consistently defeating teams in their division. This was apparent in their 67-55 win over the Lady Bearcats of Cincinnati.

"Obviously, we knew it would be an extremely tough basketball game for us because Southern Miss is very talented," Cincinnati Head Coach Jill Pizzotti said. "We knew it was going to take a tremendous effort, and we were going to have to execute our game plan both offensively and defensively to perfection to be able to beat them."

Part of the Lady Eagles success can be attributed to the high scoring off the bench. In the Cincinnati game, the bench players combined for 27 points.

"With the style of basketball we play, we keep people fresh on the floor," James said. "If we can get a good 27 points a night from our bench, our starters get a chance to rest and be fresh in the second half."

One player who has moved from the bench to starter is freshman Lisa Baswell of Replap, Ala. The 6'2" center was a three-time *USA Today* High School All-American and is currently averaging 10 points per game.

"I'm surprised I play so many minutes," Baswell said, "but it's good experience." The most important factor of the continuing Lady Eagles success has been team leadership.

Hosey is just one of the players who had adjusted to fit the role of team leader.

"I must be calm for the team to be calm," Hosey said. "I can't go out there and make turnovers."

Although still a youngster, Baswell has caught on quickly to who the team leaders are.

"We have good team leadership in Patricia Nash, because she keeps the team together," Baswell said. "I really look up to her the most."

scoreCard

Florida A&M	78-57
New Orleans	62-55
Mississippi State	69-89
Coppin State	72-59
Ole Miss	74-76
Texas Tech	79-76
California	75-89
Georgia Southern	97-78
Florida International	77-69
UNC Charlotte	95-71
New Orleans	84-63
UAB	75-70
South Florida	81-64
Cincinnati	67-55
Saint Louis	92-50

Memphis	89-88
Louisville	81-67
Tulane	84-82
Mississippi State	100-79
DePaul.....	93-104
Marquette.....	80-60
Ole Miss	80-77
South Florida	87-64
UAB	79-68
Tulane	67-72
Memphis	86-92
Marquette	88-58
Memphis	83-87
Utah	74-66
Louisiana Tech	46-84



Mark Lee

The Golden Eagles carry on a tradition by coming together as a team to get fired up before a home game at Reed Green Coliseum.

Point guard **Damien Smith** (12) goes over a defender for a basket during the UNO game. Despite his efforts, the Golden Eagles lost 66 to 68.



Sam Jones (23) drives across midcourt past a Memphis guard. The Golden Eagles were unsuccessful in their attempts as Memphis won the game 68 to 81.



Mark Lee

ups and DOWNS

*The
inexperience
of youth and challenges
of conference play left the Golden
Eagle basketball team with a season of*

By Greg Lee

As the 1995 basketball season began, questions abounded as to what fans could expect of the Southern Miss men's basketball team. After a fairly successful 1994 season, Coach Turk was left with a young team and would have to rely on underclassmen to step up and become team leaders.

"Each year it seems that we lose players who have been major contributors, but, more times than not, we find someone to step up and take care of that," Turk said. "I don't see this year being any different."

The Golden Eagles opened up the season with two consecutive wins over Jackson State and Southwestern Louisiana University. After losing their first game of the season to UNO and then defeating the University of Tampa, the Eagles came home to meet the 15th ranked Mississippi State Bulldogs.

Though they weren't expected to provide much competition, Damien Smith's 22 points helped Southern Miss push the Bulldogs into double overtime before finally losing 69-72 in front of a crowd of 8,095. Three days later, Smith scored 41 points in a 107-113 loss to Ole Miss.

Southern Miss continued to struggle throughout the month of December, posting losses to South Alabama and Utah State. By the time the new year rolled around, the team's record was an even 5-5. On Jan. 3, 1996, USM basketball ushered in a new era by playing its first Conference USA game. Damien Smith poured in 19 points and Kelly McCarty had 14 rebounds as the Golden Eagles defeated UAB 78-61.

The third-ranked Cincinnati Bearcats came to Hattiesburg on Jan. 11 expecting to be handed an easy victory. Once again, the young Eagles fought hard and gave their opponents everything they could handle before faltering in the closing minutes and losing 70-75.

The team showed flashes of brilliance throughout the season including handing the DePaul Blue Demons an 82-67 defeat on their home court in front of a national television audience. They also managed to complete a season sweep of the UAB Blazers by defeating them 67-64 (Cont. on pg. 85)



Mark Lee

Forward Damien Roberts (30) goes over a Tulane defender for a three-point shot. The Golden Eagles went on to win the game 62-61.

Guard George Scott (5) gets an elbow in the face as he tries for a rebound during the USM vs. Cincinnati game. The Golden Eagles lost a heart-breaker 70-75.



Mark Lee



Forward Mike Jones (33) surprises a defender with a short jumper during a game against the 3rd-ranked Cincinnati Bearcats.



David Nassing

in February. At the same time, the Golden Eagles often showed their youth and inexperience. Examples of this included their continued difficulties against the press and losses to long time rivals Louisville, Tulane and Memphis.

Through the trials of a tough season, the leaders that Coach Turk was looking for began to emerge. Junior guard Damien Smith continued to be the man with the ball in clutch situations. His ball-handling abilities and quickness kept the Golden Eagles in games and opened up scoring opportunities for other players.

George Scott emerged as a star with his natural leaping ability and improved ball handling skills. Scott wowed Southern Miss fans throughout the season with what became his trademark tomahawk dunks.

Kelly McCarty stepped in and impressed coaches and fans by playing a more powerful game and working hard under the boards while continuing to be a threat from the three-point arc.

Perhaps the most pleasant surprise was the improvement of guard Sam Jones. A natural athlete, Jones stepped up his game by adding speed and ball-handling abilities to his already outstanding defensive game.

All in all, the season was an opportunity for Coach Turk and the Eagles to build on the talents that each player brought to the team. With a schedule that included eight teams that made appearances in the NCAA Tournament the year before, no one expected the success that Southern Miss experienced.

Although the team struggled through much of the year, youthful talents and the future of Conference USA provided fans of Golden Eagle basketball with a season full of excitement and high hopes for the future.

SCORECARD

Jackson State	68-61
Southwestern La	80-76
UNO	66-68
Univ. of Tampa	74-60
Mississippi State	69-72
Ole Miss	107-113
Tennessee	74-57
South Alabama	50-66
Univ. of Buffalo	77-71
Utah State	65-77
UAB	78-61
Northeast La	89-58
Cincinnati	70-75
DePaul	82-67
Louisville	61-87
Tulane	61-76

Memphis	68-81
Tulane	62-61
Alabama	69-83
South Florida	57-63
UAB	67-64
Marquette	55-58
Memphis	66-91
South Florida	59-51
St. Louis	62-46
UNC Charlotte	66-77
St. Louis	44-61



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Freshman **Paul Buckley** grips it and rips it for a long drive down the fairway.

Senior **Kate Bradley** reads the green before sinking the putt at Van Hook.



Mark Lee



Sophomore **John Mitchell** of Enterprise, Ala., drops a short putt in for a birdie at Van Hook Golf Course.



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watch the BIRDIE

*A season of
ups and downs
has the Southern
Miss golf teams working
hard for the opportunity to*

By Karon Clark

The '95-'96 season was very productive for both the men's and women's golf teams. Through the fall, each team had strong showings including several individual honors.

The Golden Eagles men's team finished in the top five in four out of six tournaments including one runner-up at the Mizuno Peach State Invitational. The team made great strides toward winning an NCAA regional bid.

Individual honors were earned by Jason Roby, Bo Stewart and Phil Meadows. Roby made three all-tournament teams with one runner-up.

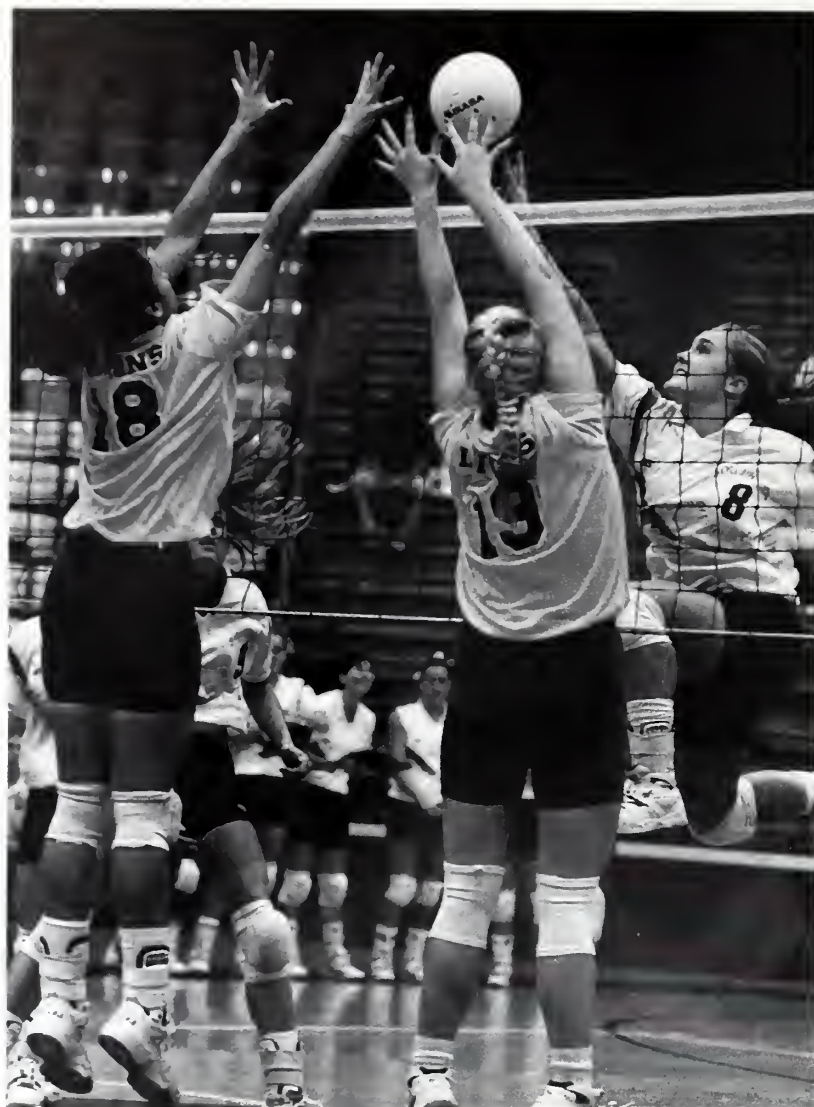
"The team did well for not having a head coach for most the year," said Assistant Coach Stephen Johnson. Due to illness, Coach Sam Hall wasn't able to practice and travel with the team as much as he would have liked. "The men's team averaged 295. We played everybody. We plan to buckle down this spring. Although we didn't make great progress, we didn't hurt ourselves. This is the first season that we had three boys go all-tournament."

The Lady Eagles finished in the top five in one out of four tournaments. Eileen Kildea took the team's only individual honor for leading the team in scoring average.

"The girls didn't do as well as we hoped, but spring is looking very good," Johnson said. "With a little luck and both coaches working, we will win a tournament."

Seniors Kate Bradley and Monica Fontana also performed well. On a team of upperclassmen, freshman Kristin Hutnik surprised everyone by starting every tournament in the fall.

Although the team didn't do as well as it would have liked, the players are optimistic for the spring. "We set goals for ourselves that we haven't reached yet," Hutnik said. "We're not happy with that, but we did have a good season. Our continued goal for the spring is to win a tournament. We have the talent, and I know we can do it."



Mark Lee

Cicely Clausen (8) leaps for a save against Southeastern Louisiana. Southern Miss went on to shut out the Lady Lions 3 to 0.

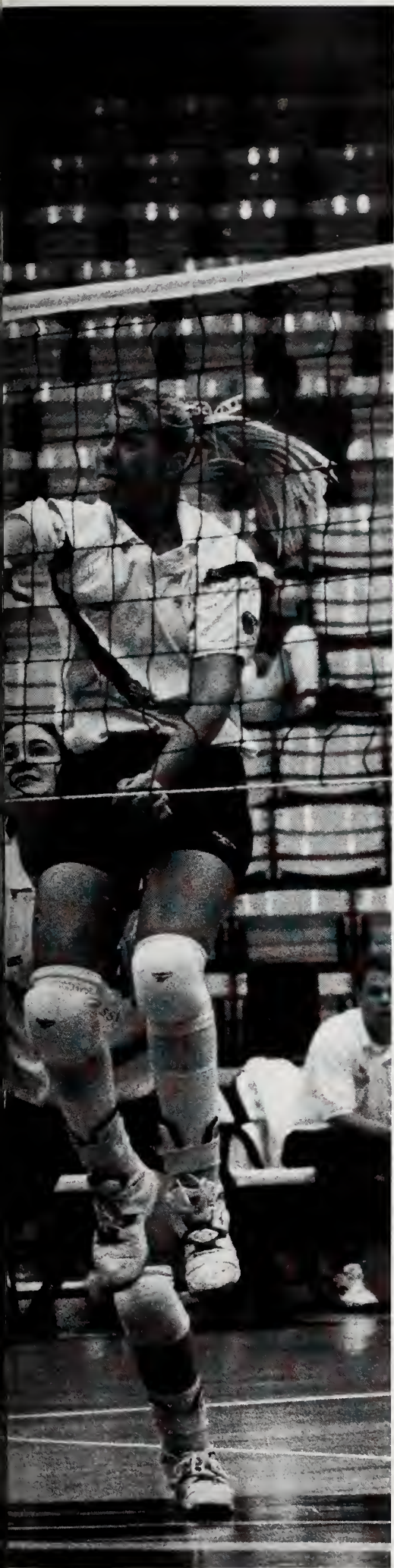
Shelly Griess (14) and Cicely Clausen (8) reach for a block. Griess, a freshman, and Clausen, a sophomore, are key players in a Lady Golden Eagles team that is improving in leaps and bounds.



Mark Lee



Senior outside hitter Julie Lowenberg (12) slams one past two defenders during a match against the Southeastern Louisiana Lady Lions.



Mark Lee

on the RISE

*History-
making wins
and a new unity
prove that the Lady
Eagles volleyball team is*

By Chris Morgan

Although the 1995 women's volleyball team did not finish with the record it may have desired, there is no question that they have a lot to be proud of. The Lady Eagles made significant improvements in every aspect of the game on their way to a 10-26 season.

Second-year Head Coach Steve Dallman is excited about his team's accomplishments, and all agree that he, with the help of a young and talented group of athletes, has made great strides in turning the volleyball program around.

There are many signs which indicate that the volleyball team is on the rise. Besides having the school's best record since 1992, the '95 team also won its first conference game since 1985.

A school record was set with the four conference wins recorded in the inaugural season of Conference USA where opponents like Tulane, Louisville and Memphis have been known to have powerful teams.

Several individual records are also on their way to being set. Freshman Beth Keck's 1,200 assists already has her fourth on the USM career list. Shalini Job's 400 digs and Shelly Greiss' 300 kills are numbers that will undoubtedly threaten the record book before long. In addition, sophomore Cicely Clausen has been mentioned as a future All-American.

These women are young, talented and only getting better. Perhaps the trademark of this young team was the fact that the Golden Eagles never quit in their quest for wins.

"We're all dedicated to the team and to each other," said Shanan Powell, sophomore middle hitter. "We all want to win so we won't accept losing."

Dallman feels this type of attitude will lead to greatness in the future. "We could have had a better record, but we lost several in the last minute," Dallman said. "But I'm extremely proud of the girls. They never gave up on an opponent, and they played with a lot of heart."

The 1995 volleyball team made improvements throughout the inaugural Conference USA season, and it should continue to make strides toward excellence with the freshmen and sophomore classes returning, and with a good recruiting season.

Ben Harrelson, a music industry major, and **Tim Neese**, an athletic training major, race for the finish line before being hurled back to the wall in the bungee run at the Jeep-Eagle Collegiate Health and Fitness Tour



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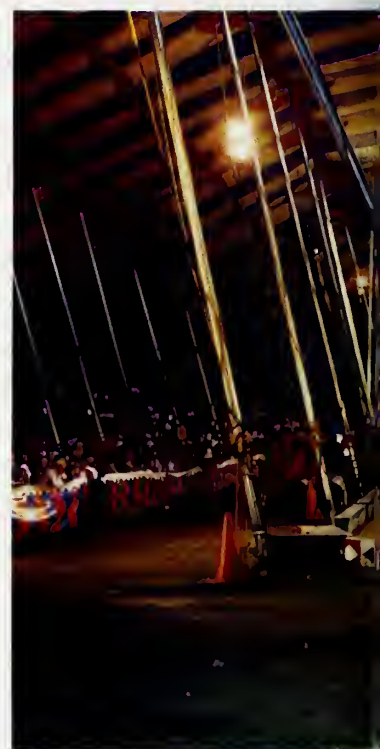
Michelle Brister leads the other aerobics instructors in a lip sync to the theme to Fame at the 1st *Payne-fully Haunted Happenings*. The instructors, dressed as cats, won the lip synch contest.

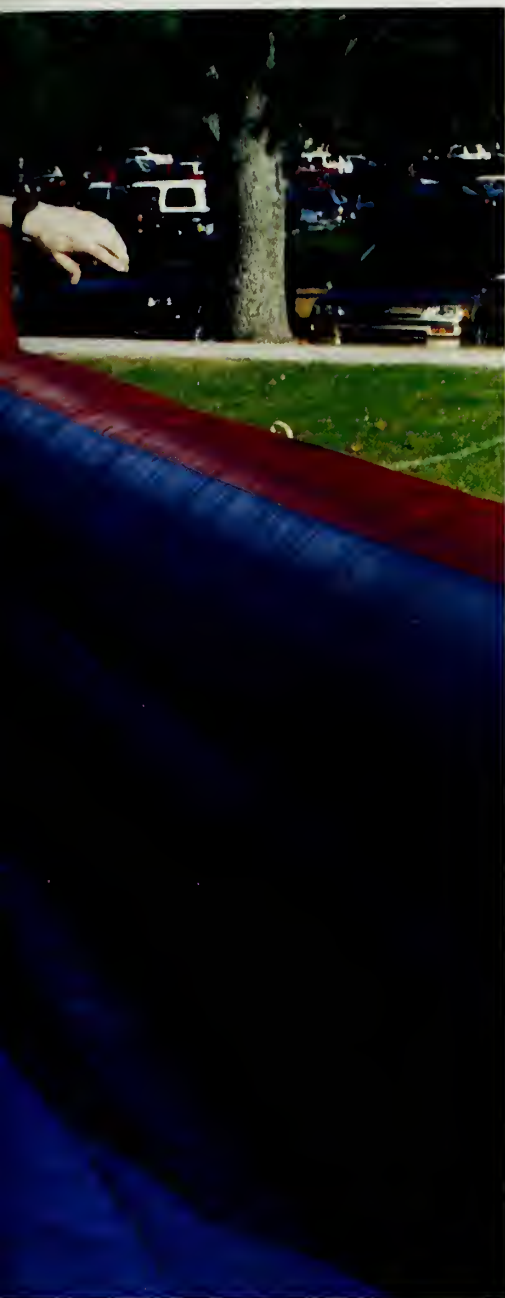
Horse enthusiasts and riders come from across the state to participate and watch the quarterhorse show at the Equestrian Center.



Aaron Hill

Thousands showed up for the Clyde-Beatty Brothers Circus sponsored by recreational sports. Proceeds from the circus went to the Equestrian Center.





Greg Lee



Aaron Hill

all the BASES

*When
it comes to
providing leisure
activities, the Division
of Recreational Sports covers*

By Evelyn Green

For students, faculty and staff who wish to participate in leisure, fitness or competitive programs, the Division of Recreational Sports offers "Something for Everyone."

"Recreational sports is by far the most recognized student program on our campus," said Mike Giles, associate director responsible for Aquatics and Risk Management for the Division of Recreational Sports.

Housed in the recently opened Payne Center, the division and its staff work to provide an opportunity for the campus to take advantage of a variety of recreational and fitness-related services which include intramural sports, aquatics, fitness, sport clubs, informal recreation and outdoor venture activities.

The Payne Center is one of the few multi-purpose facilities in the nation integrating the concepts of fitness and recreational sports. It offers accessibility to people with disabilities and contains many indoor recreational facilities.

Recreational Sports also offers outdoor facilities such as the sundeck at the Payne Center, the intramural and Sports Arena fields, the tennis complex, the Equestrian Center and Lake Sehoy.

Outdoor activities and programs available include 50 intramural sports events from flag football to putt-putt golf, and 12 sport clubs involving ultimate frisbee, soccer, rugby, volleyball, karate, scuba diving, and sports officiating.

Horsemanship classes, trail rides, party rides, PRCA rodeos, AGHA horse shows and special events are offered at the Equestrian Center. Lake Sehoy offers picnic areas, boating, fishing, putt-putt golf, and a pavilion and log cabin for retreats and other special events.

All indoor and outdoor facilities, activities and programs are supervised by trained personnel to promote a safe recreational environment for participants.

The Fitness Assessment Center and fitness counseling staff also provide services which include comprehensive health evaluation, fitness assessment, exercise prescription and hydrotherapy for the university community.

"The programs and services of recreational sports provides opportunities in sports, recreation, fitness and leisure pursuits for students to connect with other students, faculty, staff and alumni," said Sid Gonsoulin, director of recreational sports.

Senior **Shannon Gaffney** looks for a way out of an imminent $\kappa\Sigma/\Delta\Gamma$ crunch during a co-rec flag football game



Mark Lee

Akiko **Hatakeyama** smashes a slam past his opponents for the co-rec volleyball championship.

Ben **Brechtel** makes a last-ditch save for $\Sigma\Phi E$ "A" team during an intramural floor hockey game.



Mark Lee

Honest, he picked up the spare. **Adam Perry**, **Charles Dickens** and **Allen Bishop**, **TKE**, try to decide the "best" way to score their teammates' last frame.





Lisa Munsch



Mark Lee

blow off STEAM

*USM's
nationally
recognized
intramural program
uses variety to help students*

By Mark Windham & Joel Ducote

The USM Intramural Sports program is recognized as one of the most outstanding programs in the country by its peers of recreational sports professionals. When asked why the program is so highly visible nationally, Steve Rey, associate director of recreational and intramural sports, answers simply by saying, "student involvement from participation, advisory boards to everyday feedback."

"It's the students' program," Rey said. "I just administer it with a great student staff."

"Student involvement is the key to every successful intramural program," said Brad Petty, intramural sports graduate assistant. "The student staff at USM are committed to excellence and have pride in the quality of their work."

With over 40 different activities and a 50 percent participation rate, Rey has ample bragging rights. At the heart of the program's success is a mass promotion campaign. Intramurals are encouraged at the beginning of the year during freshmen and transfer orientation, residence hall workshops, and throughout Greek rush. Campus organizations have utilized intramurals as a social event through recreation.

"The intramural sports program is very successful for several reasons," Rey said. "We try to have something for everyone." When Rey says "...something for everyone," he's not kidding.

Events range from flag football, basketball and softball to Scottish golf, whiffleball and sand volleyball. This year kicked off with a few additions to the program lineup thanks to some outside sponsorships. Events included the 1-800-COLLECT All-Nighter, Ocean Spray NFL Table Top Football, Schick Super Hoops 3-on-3 Basketball and the Flag-A-Tag Sunday Night Football League.

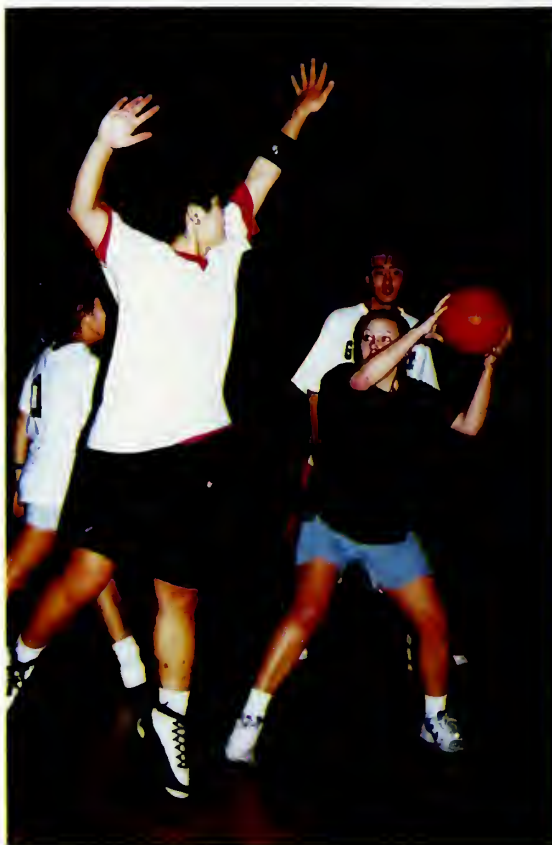
Students participate in intramurals for many different reasons. Marty Windham, a senior sports administration major, said he enjoys the relaxation and competition. Junior Sharon Guimares said she likes to be active and have a good time with friends. For whatever reason students choose to participate in intramurals, they can always depend on a variety of activities where they can relax and have fun.



David Massing

Brent Lanier, ΣΦΕ, returns a shot to his opponent during an intramural table tennis match.

A PSA team member looks for an open passing lane while a member of the ELI team attempts a steal during their co-rec basketball game.



David Massing





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Kenny Cheramie, ΣN , concentrates on his form before making a strike during intramural bowling at Hub Lanes.



David Massing

Shea Taylor of White Lightning goes up for a jump shot in a game against Black Magic during the intramural basketball tournament.



David Massing

Wayne Miller, Brian Alford and Eric Colum, $\Delta\Delta\Delta$, react to an incorrect answer during intramural sports trivia.

Senior Jennifer Thompson prepares to go in for the kill during the Vicksburg game. The Lady Eagles went on to win 6-4.



Mark Lee

Frank Kerbl battles with an Alabama player for the ball during the Golden Eagle Classic at M.M. Roberts Stadium.

Shannon Merritt tries to break a hold during the Loyola rugby game. USM won 25-12.



The USM Rugby team pushes the scrum as they battle the Southeastern Louisiana Lions. USM went on to defeat the Lions 21-14.



Mark Lee





Michelle Posey



Michelle Posey

their USM own Sport Clubs GAME give competitive students the chance to participate and excel at

By Karon Clark and Brad Petty

The sport club program at USM is designed to serve individual interests in different sports and recreational activities. These interests can be competitive, recreational, or instructional in nature, as clubs may represent the university in intercollegiate competition or conduct intracub activities such as practice, instruction, social and tournament play.

A club is a group of students, staff and faculty organized for the purpose of furthering their common interests in an activity through participation and competition. USM offers 12 sport clubs ranging from the Sports Officials Association and Shotokan karate to soccer and racquetball.

Men's rugby has been one of the most successful clubs finishing the fall 5-0 in the Deep South Conference and 8-3 overall. In the spring, the club continued to work its way into the conference playoffs, and, hopefully, a national bid. "My involvement with the rugby team has enabled me to become more focused as an individual as well as understand the theory of teamwork," said Pepe Martin, rugby forward.

The men's soccer club also believes in the concept of teamwork. "The guys are extremely committed as you can tell by our 8-0-1 record in the regular season," said graduate student John Mollaghan. After the successful season, the team was looking forward to the opportunity for a national playoff berth. Unfortunately, the loss to the Tennessee Volunteers and the Mississippi State Bulldogs crushed their hopes. "Going to the national tournament in Arizona was the goal the team had set for itself from the beginning," said Jaime Orejan, soccer coach. "It was disappointing that we came one game short of participating in the national tournament."

The volleyball club concentrated their efforts on the recruitment of new members. "The high point of the year for the volleyball club was the organization of a women's team," said Steve Zary, volleyball coach. Zary hopes an increase in membership next year would allow the opportunity for competitive play for both the men's and women's teams.

Due to scheduling conflicts with the Pride practice times and the inexperience of its members, the Ultimate Frisbee club had a slow start. Robert Crow, club president, attributes the low participation for this year to the lack of awareness by the students of the club's existence. He said he hopes the club will have more exposure this spring when they begin practice on Pride Field.

All of the sport clubs are meant to be learning experience for the members through their involvement in fundraising, public relations, organization, administration, budgeting and scheduling, as well as the development of skills in their particular sport. Involvement in a group and team situation helps enhance the student's overall education while in the university setting.

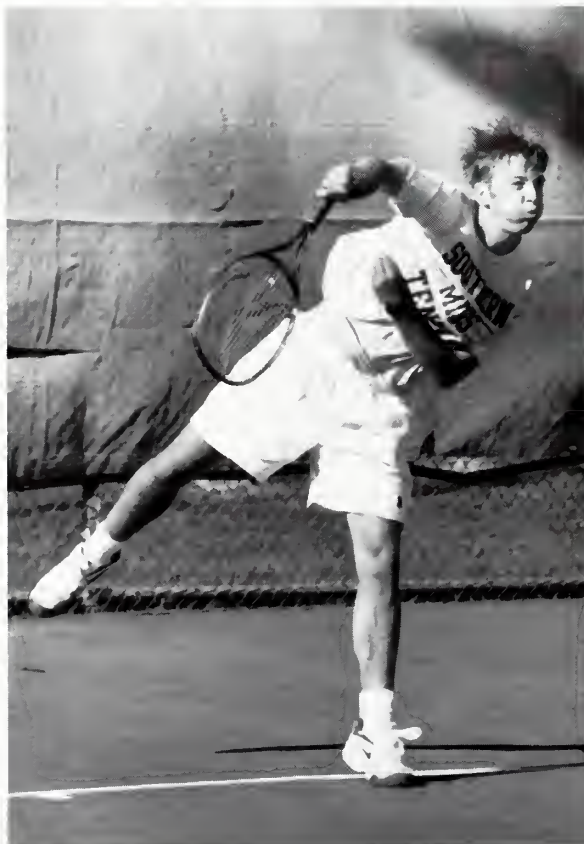
Clubs may vary in focus and programming since the members are active participants in the leadership, responsibility and decision-making process of club activities.



David Massing

Shannon Poteet returns a shot with a forehand winner during a singles match. The lady's team went on to win the match 6-3.

Sophomore Toby Simpson serves up an ace during a singles match against Southeastern Louisiana at home.



David Massing



Sophomore Dana Scarbrough fires a backhand down the line during the Lady Eagles' match with Southwestern Louisiana.



David Massing

on the LINE

*A core of
veterans and
a crop of new faces
has the tennis teams playing
with an NCAA regional bid*

By Greg Lee & Sean P. Murphy

Coming into the 1996 season there were high hopes for the Southern Miss tennis teams. With five letter winners returning on both a men's team that finished fifth and a women's team that finished sixth in the old Metro Conference, fans and coaches expected improvement in this year's team.

To say that the men's team was a diverse one would be an understatement. Currently making up the men's team of 10 players are three from America, two from Brazil, two from Germany, one from Finland, one from Egypt and one from Israel. But with a such diverse team, comes high expectations.

"It is great playing on a team with so many different types of players," said Rudy Leutz of Stuttgart, Germany. "We learn a lot from each other because of the places that we come from."

That learning helped to develop the USM tennis team into a contender in both Conference USA and the nation.

The men's team started on a rough note losing to sixth-ranked Mississippi State, but bounced back and managed to put together a five match winning streak during the month of March. By the beginning of April, the team was in a good position with a record of 10 wins and eight losses.

"Our goal is to get to the regionals, and that would have been impossible years ago," Head Coach Teddy Viator said. "We have played teams very tough. Now it's time to start winning those close games."

"We have to either beat UAB or Middle Tennessee State," Viator said. "If we can knock off one of them, we have a good shot at the regionals."

The women's team struggled through the first part of the season, but got back on track with a win over Nicholls State. Although the team had a record of only five wins compared to 10 losses by April 1, Viator feels that some key players can help to turn things around.

Katy Kocsis is ranked eighth in the country and her sister Susy is 87th in the country. As a doubles team, the sisters are ranked 35th in the country.

"Obviously having the eighth-ranked player provides more recognition for the program," Viator said.

Viator said his men's and women's teams are on the cusp of becoming one of the better schools in the country.

"Our men's team is one or two players away, and our women are one or two players away," Viator said. "Our goal is for the teams to be ranked in the top 25."



David Massing

The new track and field facilities, which are currently under construction, will provide the track and field teams with a state-of-the-art facility to showcase their talents. The track will be ready for the 1996-97 season.

Claude Clayton and Duval Brown put themselves through the paces of a hurdle drill during track and field practice.



David Massing



Pole vaulter Todd Brack, a freshman, strains to get over the bar during a track and field practice session.



David Massing

no place like HOME

A new track has the USM track and cross country team thinking that there's

By Jamie Hatch

In the last couple of years, the USM track team has been through some ups and downs. This year, they are trying to improve on what they already have. They are working constantly and trying to stay focused on what they are doing. "This is a building year for us," Head Coach Marshall Bell said.

With the entrance into Conference USA and the construction of the new track, the foundation is being laid for bigger and better things.

Conference USA has brought a positive attitude to track and cross country. "The new Conference USA has been good," senior Bryan McLoughlin said. "It's new competition and better organized."

"We will find that the quality of the people to be competitive with is definitely going to make us a better team," Bell said. "It's a quality conference from top to bottom in each event."

Also, the construction of the new track near campus will have a dramatic impact on the sport. The track, which is to be finished for the 1996-1997 school year, will create a positive influence. USM hopes to hold two home meets next year with the possibility of an alumni meet. This should be a factor in encouraging more fan support for the track and cross country team in the future. It is also a positive attribute in recruiting new athletes in years to come.

This year, the strength of the track team has been its speed and depth. Positive results are being seen in the members' performances. However, they are now focusing on the field and distance events. They also hope to recruit some good athletes to bring up the points in those areas.

That speed has shown through as the men's cross country team finished first in the USM Invitational and both the men's and women's cross country teams finished second in the University of South Alabama Invitational. In addition, at the Houston Invitational in February, the men's track and field team finished fourth and the women's track and field team finished eighth.

"Every member is a key member on the team," Bell said. Some of the high point getters for the year have been Henry Wilson and Kelston Williams in the high jump; Duval Brown and Henry Don Woods in the quarter mile and LaGrant Johnson, Fred Brock, Kendrick Lee, Justin Pugh and Shaun Evans in the hurdles.

For the women, Audrea Adams, Jennifer Venditti, Jennifer Aaron and Jennifer Felton have made an impact on the team. Valerie Carpenter also looks good in the quarter mile.

"The program is definitely on the rise," McLoughlin said. "It's getting better and better each year with new coaches coming in and the new facility being built. USM is a good place to train."

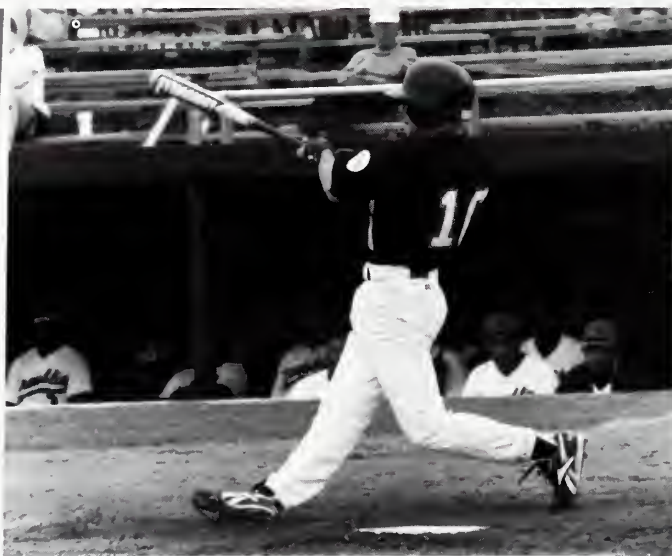
Second basemen **Matt Baltz** (5) goes after the ball and tries to keep a baserunner from making a steal during a game at Pete Taylor Park



Garnett Sellers

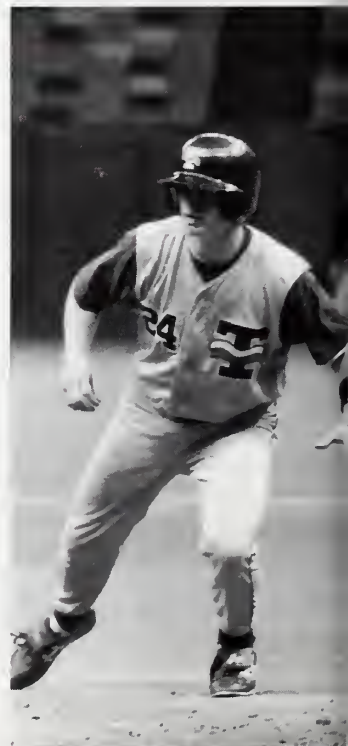
Third Baseman **Craig Zimmerli** (16) tries to put a tag on a University of South Florida baserunner. The Eagles went on to win the game 8-6.


Junior shortstop **Jared Martin** (10) swings for the fence during the season opener against Grambling State. USM won the game 8-1.



David Massing

First Baseman **Cary Luke** (27) holds a Tulane baserunner close to the bag during the Winn Dixie Showdown in the Superdome.





precision and POWER

*The Southern
Miss baseball team
battled inconsistency
and streaked through Conference
USA with a lethal combination of*

By Greg Lee

Winning is not a new concept to the Southern Miss baseball team. For the past three seasons, the Golden Eagles have won at least 30 games a year. But the veterans returning to the team for the 1996 season had Coach Hill Denson excited about his team's chances. Pitching appeared to be the team's strong suit with experienced players returning for another season on the mound.

Collegiate Baseball and *Baseball America* picked USM to battle for the conference title and be a regional participant in the NCAA College World Series. If the Eagles were to find themselves in a battle for the conference tournament title, they would have the upper hand. Pete Taylor Park was picked to host the inaugural Conference USA Baseball Tournament.

Leading the battery of pitchers was junior John Bale. Bale returns after posting a 5-4 record with 86 strikeouts during the 1995 season. In addition to Bale, senior Reggie Wheat and junior Heath Cantrelle returned. Cantrelle finished the 1995 season with a record of 8-1 while posting a 2.17 ERA.

"Pitching is our strong suit, and we'll rely on that," senior catcher Derek Reams said.

Reams should know about the team's strong positions. He holds the strongest one. Reams led all starters in hitting and home runs and finished second in RBIs while being named a first team All-Metro player in 1995.

The key to success would be to find a solution to the late season hitting difficulties the Eagles faced at the end of the 1995 season. It didn't take long to find that cure as the Eagles opened the season with an 8-1 thrashing of Grambling State at home. Leading the way for USM was right fielder Kyle Logan, who went 4-for-4 with three RBI. Three USM pitchers combined to throw a two-hitter and strike out 15 batters on the way to victory.

However, a quick start soon gave way to new problems for the Eagles. Pitching continued to shine through, and it appeared as though the bats had come to life. The new foe that the team faced was that of inconsistency.

After opening the season with four straight wins, the Eagles dropped their next three and began showing signs of being a streaky team. (con't on pg. 105)

Garnett Sellers

David Massing

Catcher **Derek Reams** (22) slides safely into third as a TCU infielder misplays the ball. Southern Miss went on to crush the Horned Frogs 12-1.



Garnett Sellers

Junior shortstop **Jared Martin** (10) evades the tag of an outstretched third baseman during a home game.



David Massing



Pitcher **Chad Bradford** (35), a junior, hurls a curveball for a strike in a home game at Pete Taylor Park.



David Massing

The Eagles again took part in the Winn Dixie Showdown in the Louisiana Superdome. During the weekend of Feb. 23-25, USM, Ole Miss and Mississippi State competed against LSU, UNO, and Tulane. Despite playing hard, Southern Miss dropped all three of their games to the Louisiana schools.

Denson seemed pleased by his team's play in the first two games of the series, but was less than satisfied by their performance against Tulane.

"We just gave the game away," Denson said. "The last two days we played OK, but we were horrible. I'm very disappointed."

On their way to a 19-13 record as of April 9, Southern Miss had two five-game winning streaks sandwiched between losing streaks of three and four games. The team, which was picked in the preseason coaches' poll to finish no lower than second in the conference, found themselves mired in fourth place at mid-season.

Amid the team's struggle to climb from mediocrity, some individuals shined through. Freshmen Chris Hesse and Jeremy Albritton led the team in batting average at the midpoint of the season. Team leader Cliff Wren led the squad with 32 RBI.

Some of the individual games also brought excitement to Southern Miss fans. In one victory against Middle Tennessee State, the Eagles managed to pound out 23 runs. The team's inconsistency surfaced in the following game, though, as USM fell to Baylor 5-6.

Despite not living up to expectations at mid-season, the Eagles were not far out of the race. With their lethal combination of power pitching and talented hitters, there's no reason that they couldn't be in the race for the conference championship in May.

scoreCard

Grambling	8-1	UNO	3-9
Grambling	6-0	Saint Louis	0-2
Murray State	14-7	Saint Louis	3-2
Murray State	19-3	Saint Louis	8-3
LSU	4-7	Ole Miss	2-3
UNO	0-3	Ole Miss	3-7
Tulane	5-8	UAB	3-16
Texas Christian	4-2	UAB	5-7
Texas Christian	12-1	UAB	10-5
Texas Christian	9-7	Ole Miss	3-11
Middle Tenn. State	9-8	Ole Miss	2-1
Middle Tenn. State	23-2	Cincinnati	18-2
Baylor	5-6	Cincinnati	3-2
Baylor	6-7	Cincinnati	6-1
South Alabama	6-0	Mississippi State	1-5
UNC Charlotte	3-5	Mississippi State	4-5
UNC Charlotte	2-11	William Carey	0-9
UNC Charlotte	11-7	William Carey	6-18
SW Missouri State	5-4	William Carey	2-7
SW Missouri State	7-2	Mississippi State	6-2
South Florida	6-5	Mississippi State	1-4
South Florida	8-6	Tulane	1-10
South Florida	7-9	Tulane	10-4
Jackson State	15-4	Tulane	7-4
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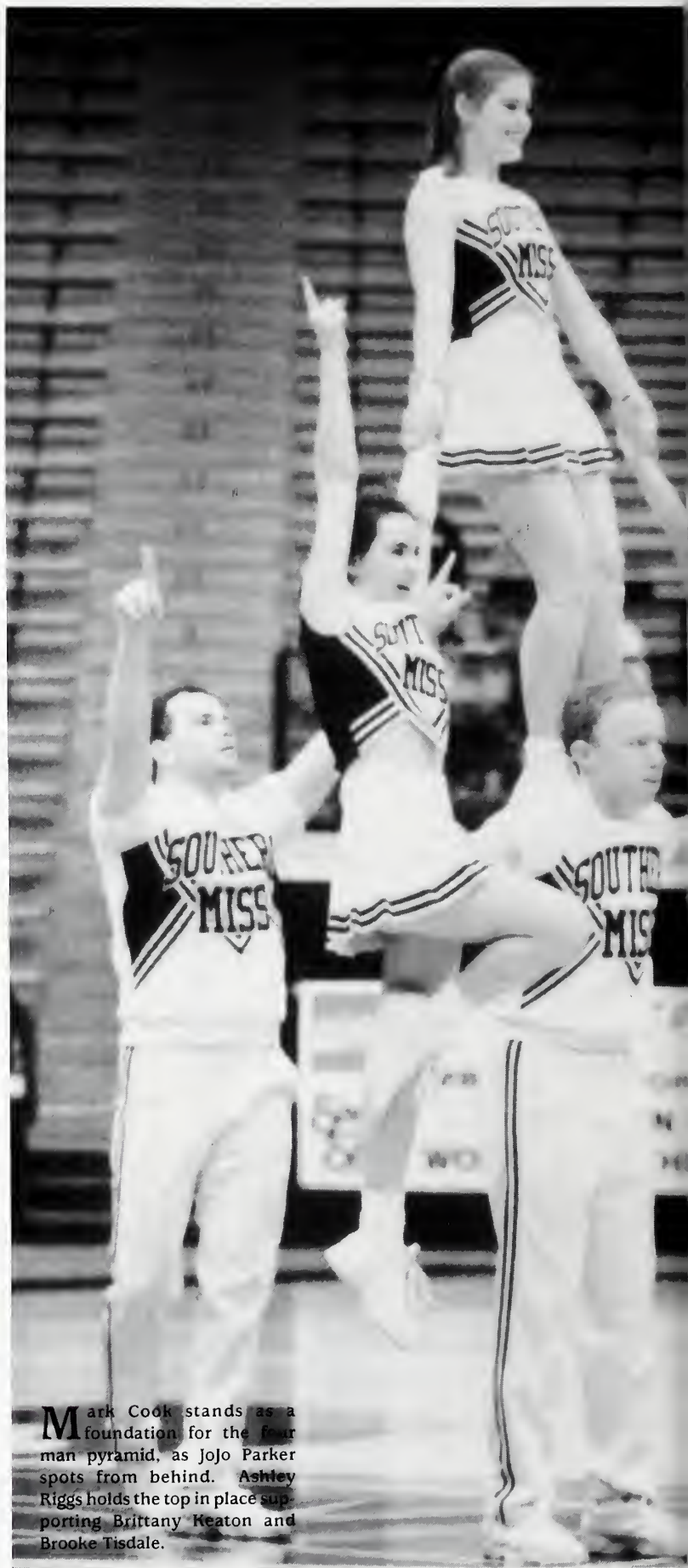
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Freshman **Debbie Monti** performs with the Southern Misses dance team during half-time at a Golden Eagle Basketball home game.

Seymour takes time to cheer with young Golden Eagle fans during the Mississippi State game. Plans are underway to redesign Seymour's look for next year.



David Massing



Mark Cook stands as a foundation for the four man pyramid, as Jojo Parker spots from behind. **Ashley Riggs** holds the top in place supporting **Brittany Keaton** and **Brooke Tisdale**.



David Massing

to cheer ABOUT

*The USM
cheerleaders
kick, throw and
soar with spirit giving
Golden Eagle fans something*

By Brittany Keaton

Southern Mississippi, U-S-M!" This chant has become a crowd favorite, and whenever it's heard one knows the USM cheerleaders are close by.

The cheerleaders began preparing for this year's hectic schedule in June. Both the first and second teams met six times throughout the summer, and the first team attended the UCA collegiate camp at the University of Alabama in early August. The team learned new cheers, crowd involvement techniques and team building exercises which they brought home and used successfully throughout the season.

One of the biggest goals for the cheerleaders this year was to increase crowd participation at all athletic functions. In order to achieve this goal, the cheerleaders sponsored pep rallies every Friday night before home football games. "A large contingency of students were interested in evening pep rallies," said Paul Batchelder, athletic administrative assistant.

"By having pep rallies later in the evening, students were through with the week and had their minds on other things, like getting ready for football games," said Michael Honeycutt, senior management and marketing major.

Both teams participated in promotional events before football games and entertained Golden Eagle fans with Seymour at halftime.

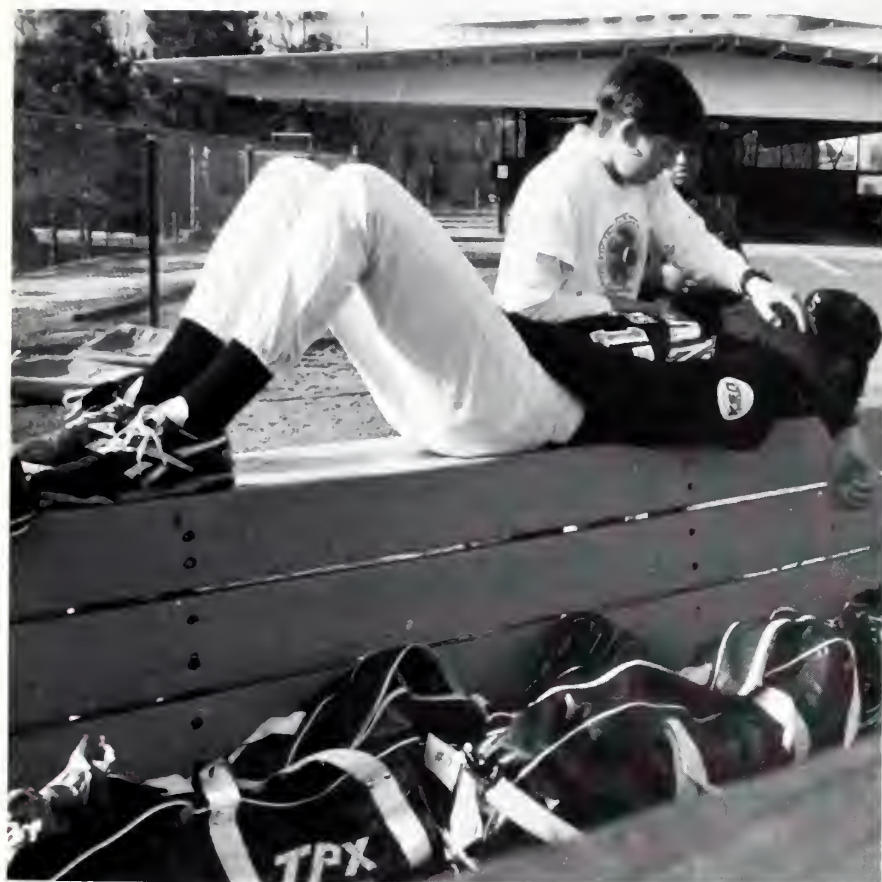
With the start of basketball season, the focus of the cheerleaders changed. Both teams began preparing cheers for time-outs and working on crowd involvement techniques.

The first team supported the men's team while the second team cheered the Lady Eagles on to victory.

The first team accompanied the men's team to Memphis for the conference tournament, and the second team traveled to Birmingham to support the women.

Wherever they went, USM's hard-working cheerleaders inspired students to become spirited fans throughout the year. "It's a great feeling to go out and see the squad move the crowd," said JoJo Parker, cheerleader instructor.

Trainer **Deborah Huff** helps pitcher, **Tyler Kee** loosen up before a game at Pete Taylor Park. Trainers work with athletes as a part of their course work and certification process.



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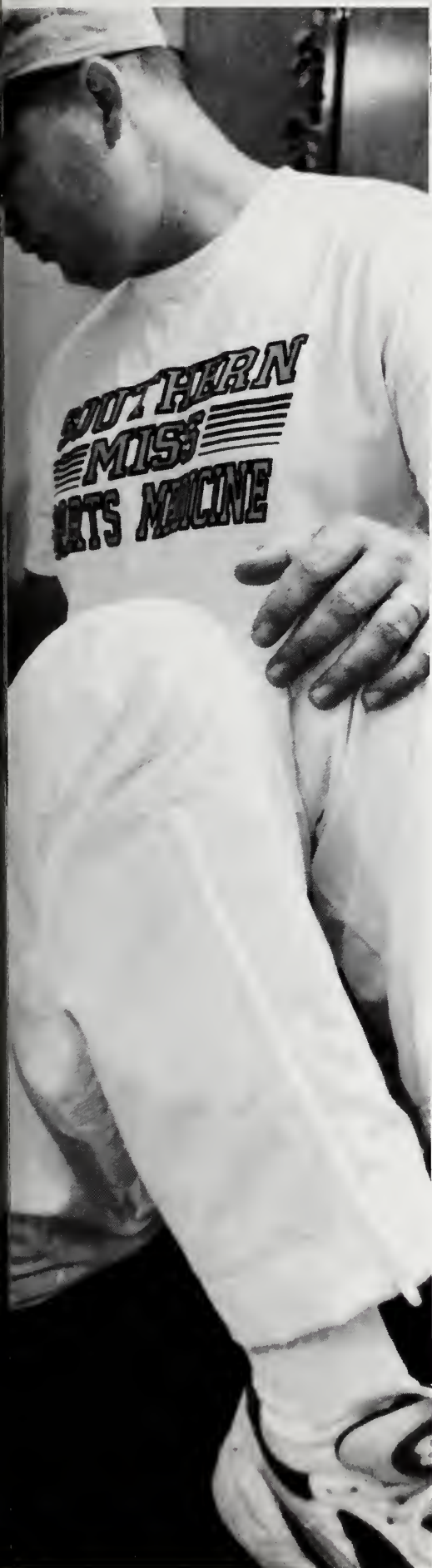
Football manager **Eric Smith** keeps things running smoothly at spring practice by setting up blocking dummies and making sure practice equipment is in place.



David Massing



Student trainer **David Freeman** examines injured tennis player **Linn Eliasson** in the Southern Miss training room.



David Massing

behind the SCENES

The men and women that make Southern Miss sports happen may not be on the field, but they're working hard

By Greg Lee

To the casual observer, Southern Miss sporting events appear to happen just as they're planned. Fields look in top condition, equipment is in working order and players are in their best physical shape.

There's more to it than just making the tackles, turning the double plays or sinking a clutch free throw. Before, during and after the games, there is a group of men and women that is pivotal to the success of the sports programs -- managers and trainers.

When coaches are in the heat of the game, they don't have time to worry about whether or not everything is ready for halftime in the locker room. That's where the managers come in. They're working behind the scenes to keep it all running smoothly.

The managers of the sports teams have a wide range of responsibilities. They assist in the maintenance of fields, keep up with equipment and take care of players' needs during the game.

The managers themselves are on scholarships through the athletic department. Most are recommended by their high school coaches, and they all must go through an interview process before being offered a position.

"Ideally, we try to hire people who were managers in high school or junior college, because they know what they're doing," said David Bounds, assistant athletic director.

Where the managers provide for the players' basic needs, the trainers are there to make sure the players are physically prepared to take the field. That may include taping wrists and ankles, assisting in rehabilitation after injuries or performing supervised therapeutic treatments.

The trainers are required to take prerequisites and attain a minimal GPA before applying for a position as an athletic trainer. Those who are accepted do a five-semester rotation working with USM athletics, area high schools, intramurals and the Methodist Hospital sports medicine program for a total of 1,075 hours of practical work. Their responsibilities at games and practice include fluid replacement and seeing to any injuries that may occur.

The contributions the trainers give to the teams are immeasurable. The importance that Jim Gallaspy, coordinator of athletic training services, stresses when he discusses the trainers could be said of the managers as well. "It would be hard for us as a staff to meet all the needs of our teams without them," said Gallaspy.



Sarah McLelland,
Wendy Vervaeke and
Holly Montz, KΔs, help a
student during the Greek
Life Thames Elementary
School fix-up day



Lisa Munsch

Visions of Greeks *Commitment*

by Karon Clark

The Greek system offers students an alternative to joining the usual group or organization. A commitment to a fraternity or sorority is not just for the four years of college. It is for life.

"Greek life is a way to make your presence felt at the university," said Chad Doleac, member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. "It's an excellent opportunity to better yourself and the school by involving yourself in community service, striving for academic excellence and involving yourself on campus."

Greeks can be seen all around campus: holding a fund-raiser in front of the Hub; cheering for the Golden Eagles at an athletic event; and cramming in study halls. In everything they do, Greeks try to give their best.

Greeks know how to relax and have fun even while supporting the community through their philanthropic projects. Chi Omega Songfest, Sigma Chi Derby Days, Delta Gamma Anchor Splash and the Alpha Tau Omega Crawfish Boil are some events where students can enjoy themselves while raising money for a worthwhile organization.

Greek life provides students with the opportunity to better the campus and the community through their vision of commitment to themselves and the world around them.



The Panhellenic rush counselor team attempts to put themselves in numerical order without speaking during a team-building exercise at their summer retreat.



Interfraternity Council Executive Board Alex Gresham, graduate assistant, Tom Shoemaker, adviser, Jason Hollis, president, Michael Honeycutt, vice president, Sean Tindell, rush chairman, Walt Denton, treasurer



Interfraternity Council Members Front row Tom Shoemaker, adviser, Michael Honeycutt, ATΩ, Jason Hollis, IKA, Sean Tindell, KΣ, Ashley Green, coordinator of greek life, Second row Sean Burke, ΦΚΤ, Britt Dunaway, ΣΦΕ, Tony Majorana, ΣΦΕ, Albert Montecalvo, ΦΚΤ, Jeff Bankston, ATΩ, Stephen Copeland, ΣΝ, Rheit Walker, KA, Walt Denton, ΣΧ, Chris Watson, ΣΧ, John Hulse, ΣΝ, Back row Antonio Johnson, KAΨ, Demario Smith, ΑΦΑ, Todd Bondurant, ΣΧ, Wes Rouse, ΣΧ.



Junior Greek Council Officers: Front row: Courtney Zito, secretary; Louise Miley, treasurer; Cherie Boudreaux, president; Back row: Rusty Hancock, vice president; Stephanie Shows, student adviser; Alex Gresham, graduate assistant.



Junior Greek Council members Front row: Sheila O'Dwyer, Alison Keith, Alex Gresham, graduate assistant; Dave Hughes, Courtney Zito, Cherie Boudreaux, Louise Miley, Rusty Hancock, Stephanie Shows, student adviser; Susie Smith, Danielle Daigle, Susanna Welbourne, Claire Ueltschey; Second row: Bridget Hux, Johnna Whitaker, Megan Lehman, Andy Mungo, Kelcie McKinley, Chris Morgan, Lori Hill, Drew Warriner, Chris Talbot, Chad Rhodes, Heather Adams, Jennifer Watson, Jennifer Magee, Miky Mattina, Rob Alley; Back row: Pepe Martin, student adviser; Sean Wilkerson, Kyle Thornton, Chris Daigle, Shane McCarthy, Joey Buchanan, Aaron Boucher, Shannon Beaver, Gary Corrente, Paul Gottlieb, Mike Brimsley.



Panhellenic Council Members Front Row: Ashley Green, adviser; Barbara Snow, XΩ; Gina Giammalva, ΔΔΔ; Wendi McLain, ΠΒΦ; Courtney Bell, ΦΜ; Stephanie Shows, ΔΔΔ; Karen Moody, ΔΖ; Nicole Lally, ΚΑ; Rebecca Timmins, ΑΔΠ; Heidi Mire, ΦΜ; Second row: Leslie Walker, ΚΑ; Christy Hemeter, ΚΑ; Sharon Turner, ΖΦΒ; Holly Chatelein, ΠΒΦ; Kimberly McFarland, ΔΣΘ; Bethany Burrows, ΔΖ; Greta Gates, ΔΖ; Kasi Bushnell, ΑΔΠ; Nikki Keough, ΔΓ; Back row: Angela Mozingo, ΔΔΔ; Amy Baumgartner, ΔΔΔ; Katy Beall, ΦΜ; Kami Gordy, XΩ; Tonya Seals, ΑΚΑ.

by Rebecca Timmins

The Greek governing councils are setting an example of unity by

COMING together FOR SUCCESS

Interfraternity & Panhellenic Councils

To appreciate the things they share in common, Greeks are coming together in order to understand each other's differences.

The four governing councils, which are responsible for the rules and regulations which govern the Greek system, are the Panhellenic Council, the Interfraternity Council, the National Panhellenic Council and the Junior Greek Council. Student leaders are elected by their peers to serve together as members of these distinguished organizations.

All four of the Greek Councils are working together to improve both their relationship with the Hattiesburg community and with each other. Over 700 Greeks from the university's 12 sororities and 13 fraternities united to clean up area schools during "Into the Streets" on Oct. 8, 1995. Greeks have also joined together to spend their afternoons volunteering as Adopt-A-School tutors at Thames Elementary School.

The Junior Greek Council, which serves as a stepping stone to Greek unity "allows new members of the sororities and fraternities to get to know one another," said Cherie Boudreaux, junior greek council president.

Because of the Junior Greek Council's united efforts, members raised over \$600 for the Junior Greek Council Scholarship Fund and for a local needy foster family with children with mental disabilities. They also collected canned goods at the door for distribution by the Salvation Army.

"It was nice to see all of the sororities and fraternities to pull together and work as one," said Courtney Zito, secretary of the junior greek council.

The Office of Greek Life also encourages unity through its annual Greek Retreat held at the Kings Arrow Ranch in Poplarville. Two representatives from every organization are selected to attend the retreat.



Panhellenic Council Executive Board Front row: Ashley Green, adviser; Gina Giammalva, treasurer; Courtney Bell, president; Karen Moody, rush chairman; Heidi Mire, risk management; Back row: Stephanie Shows, vice president; Barbara Snow, parliamentarian; Wendi McLain, secretary; Nicole Lally, philanthropy chairman; Rebecca Timmins, public relations chairman.



Chesterfield team members John Laiche and Allison Jones work up a sweat during the $\Delta\Gamma\Lambda/\chi\Omega$ Cystic Fibrosis Sports Fitness Challenge in the Payne Center, which raised nearly \$6,000.

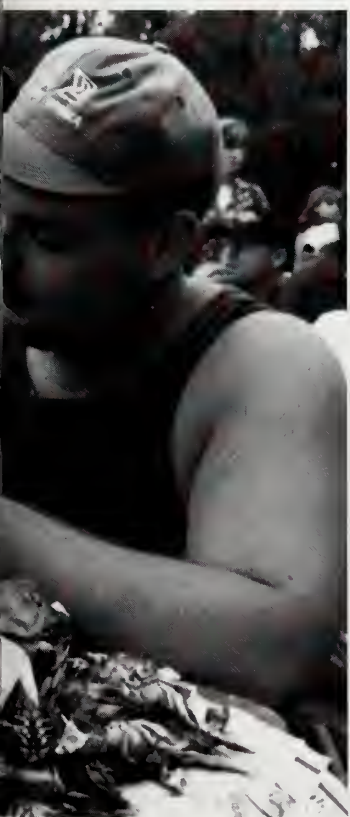


Members of Sigma Gamma Rho help to kick off the 1995 Black Greek Week. Every NPHC group showed off their stepping talents at the *Meet-the-Greeks* program in the Union Plaza.





Jason Hurd



David Massing

Casey Varnado, KΣ pinches the tails and sucks the heads at the ATΩ Crawfish Boil in March. Over 2,000 guests were in attendance at the event which benefitted the Civitan Camp.

Through their efforts to raise money for charity, USM's greeks are hosting a variety of events and



Lisa Munsch

having a good TIME

by Rebecca Timmins

Members of the Greek system showed they know how to have a good time as they participated in a variety of events throughout the year to raise money for charitable causes.

During the week of Oct. 16-21, eight of the 12 sororities participated in Sigma Chi Derby Days. Members of Sigma Chi and Delta Sigma Theta worked as coaches for these young women who trained for weeks for the Derby Days Chorus Line competition.

Special guests from Alpha Phi Alpha stepped at this year's competition which raised almost \$1,500 for the Hattiesburg Boys and Girls Club.

"Derby Days allowed us to come together both as sisters and as a system," said ΠΒΦ Shannon Stinson.

On Nov. 18, Sigma Nu held their Paintball '95 tournament to raise money for the Civitan Camp for children with mental disabilities.

Sorority and fraternity leaders attended the spring greek retreat Feb. 9-11 at King's Arrow

Ranch. The event, which was sponsored by the Office of Greek Life, allowed members to explore issues that greeks must face in today's society.

"The greek retreat was very informative," said Kim Ward, president of NPHC and a member of Delta Sigma Theta. "It gave the members of the NPHC organizations the opportunity to discuss our views with all of the other organizations."

Alpha Kappa Alpha and ΑΦΑ sponsored Skee-Phi Weekend Feb. 15-17. "I believe it went over well, and, hopefully, next year it will only get better," said Laterica Hudson, AKA member.

ΔΣΘ hosted Delta Weekend March 28-31. Many students were unable to purchase tickets to the step shows because both were sold out.

A year full of events and parties gave the USM Greek system an opportunity to relax, learn and work together to improve unity among themselves and with the entire campus, while at the same time raising money for worthwhile causes.



Bring on the dogs! ΠΚΑ brothers Karl Causey, Johnathan Clark and Adam Briscoe take time out to act as big brothers to children with language disorders.



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Taking an active role in the fight to end hunger, ΣΦΕ Paul Gordon, Alex Gresham, graduate assistant and ΣΦΕ Britt Dunaway donated one Saturday morning of their time to help out with the greek life canned food drive.





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Shane Landreaux KΣ lends a hand to **Melanie Jones** ΔΔΔ for a great cause. The Frats-at-Bat softball tournament, which consisted of teams from sororities and fraternities vying against one another, raised more than \$3,000 for children's cancer research.

Greek students are proving that community service is a top priority by



Lisa Munsch

lending a HAND

by Abigayle C. Farris

Members of the greek system spent their year working on several community service projects. Everyone gave their time and energy to help out any way they could.

During the fall, Delta Tau Delta and Kappa Delta sponsored a mega garage sale. They made \$2,000 in profit which was donated to the United Way of Hattiesburg.

Phi Kappa Tau sponsored their annual soccer tournament for the Children's Heart Association, and Kappa Sigma, Pi Beta Phi and Sigma Phi Epsilon cosponsored Hoops for Hearts for the American Heart Association. Alpha Phi Alpha regularly donated their time to the PACE Headstart Program serving as tutors and role models to the children.

On the first Saturday in March, every member of the USM greek life program met in front of the Kennard-Washington Building. More than 600 students gathered with their organizations to give assistance to the Salvation Army.

The idea was to help replenish the Salvation Army's food banks which had been depleted by

February's bitterly cold weather.

They returned around noon having collected 2,019 pounds of food -- more than twice the amount collected in the 1995 drive.

"I think it went over really well," junior Jennifer Stano said. "We collected more canned goods than we ever had before, and I think we refilled their (the Salvation Army's) stock."

On March 22, Zeta Phi Beta and the Golden Key National Honor Society cosponsored a roller skating party for the Hattiesburg Boys and Girls Club at Burkett's Roller Skating Rink in Petal.

During the last weekend of March, Delta Delta Delta hosted their annual Frats-at-Bat softball tournament which raised just over \$3,000 for children's cancer research, a record for Frats-at-Bats.

"It pulls us all together," sophomore Byron Ellis said. "It was good weather, we helped the ladies of Tri Delta, and we worked together to raise money."

No matter what the cause, the greek system can be counted on to rise to the occasion and lend a helping hand.



Taking his turn at the net, ΣΦΕ John Kimball takes a shot at returning ΑΤΩ Shay Brown's spike during the volleyball tournament held on the sand courts at the Payne Center.



Jason Hurd



Shannon Stinson

Roxanna Fennell, ΑΔΠ, psychs herself up to get the strike her team so badly needs for a win at the Greek Week bowl-a-thon. Proceeds from the bowl-a-thon were donated to the Make-a-Wish Foundation which grants wishes to terminally ill children.





Members of the Chi Omega, Delta Zeta and Sigma Phi Epsilon team unite in their attempt to defeat their opponents during the All Greek Tug-of-War competition.

Bill Sammons

A week-long celebration filled with competition, as well as unifying activities for USM's greeks, kicks off with a



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big BANG

by Rebecca Timmins

Greek Week took off with a bang on the afternoon of April 10th with members of Greek organizations competing to see who was strongest during the All Greek Tug-of-War.

Sorority and fraternity members teamed up and gave all they had in an attempt to become All Greek Tug-of-War champions. Through sheer grit and determination, Phi Kappa Tau, Delta Delta Delta, Sigma Nu and Zeta Phi Beta won out over all the other teams in this competition and in the volleyball tournament.

More than a few people needed help picking themselves up after taking a spill at the Greek Week skating party later that night. Whether they were doing the hokey pokey or attempting to skate for the first time since childhood, everyone seemed to have a good time.

"I thoroughly enjoyed the skating party," said Jacqueline Fuller, a member of Sigma Gamma Rho. "It gave me the chance to meet and socialize with members from other sororities

and fraternities."

All proceeds from both the skating party and bowl-a-thon were donated to the Make-a-Wish Foundation in Jackson, which grants wishes to terminally ill children.

Greeks from all over campus gathered on the Kennard Washington lawn Friday night to listen to the sounds of *Still Stanley* and select the 1996 Greek God and Goddess. Chi Omega Laura McInnis and Kappa Sigma Blake Whitson were selected to rule over the 1996 Greek Games held on Saturday.

"The Greek Games are a wonderful way to get a jump on formal rush because of the large number of rushees who visit during them," $\Sigma\chi$ Henry Richeson said.

Sean Tindell and Heidi Mire were chosen by their peers as Greeks of the Year because of their outstanding contributions to the Greek system.

"I was very impressed by the enthusiasm expressed by all greeks throughout the week," $P\chi$ Amanda Sherman said.

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Alpha Delta Pi Sorority presents Ronald McDonald House with proceeds from Penny Drop '96

by Rebecca Timmins

The Eta Zeta chapter of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority has helped to establish a new standard of excellence at USM. The sorority was recognized at the annual Greek Life Banquet for its outstanding adherence to both its national risk management policies and to the comprehensive IFC/Panhellenic risk management policy which were recently adopted.

The ladies of AΔΠ take their commitment to scholarship and service very

seriously. Over two dozen members were named to the Dean's or President's List. Member Pil Curtis was recognized by Gamma Alpha Epsilon for possessing the highest grade point average among sorority members.

"AΔΠ was founded on the basis of high educational standards," said Scholarship Chairman Emily Coker. "We encourage our women to strive for excellence in scholarship throughout their academic careers.

This year the members of AΔΠ participated in many philanthropic events. They took part in Sigma Chi Derby Days for the first time in eight years.

They also worked as volunteers in the Adopt-a-School program and collected canned goods during the annual Greek Canned Food Drive.

Members of AΔΠ presented the Ronald McDonald House with a check when they visited the

Jackson Ronald McDonald House in April.

"AΔΠ's philanthropy project, the penny drop, helps the Ronald McDonald House immensely by improving the quality of life for those having to stay at the home for whatever reason," said President Andrea Shook. "Every little bit that our organization can give is a step in the right direction for service and for the Christian values AΔΠ was founded on."

Jennifer Bishop
Lindsey Blue
Tina Boffone
Tammy Brown
Kasi Bushnell
Shannon Buck



Caren Cafiero
Julie Campbell
Stacey Cheek
Emily Coker
Melanie Corley
Robin Coutras



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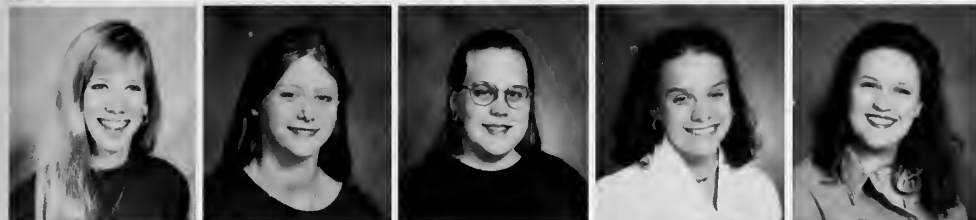
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Alison Keith
Amy Keene
Rebecca Kerr
Aimee Koon



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Salesha Kosbab
Lauren Lightfoot
Katrina May
Fawn McCleave
Amanda McFarland



Dawn McGee
Katie Mikel
Elizabeth Mitchell
Tricia Mitchell
Jennifer Morgan



Jennifer Myers
Heather Napier
Frances Nichols
Sheila O'Dwyer
Megan O'Toole



Cherie Peltier
Allison Pittman
Bonnie Rimkus
Allyson Robinson
Margaret Ross



Michelle Roughton
Michelle Roux
Angela Scovel
Kelly Seale
Amanda Sherman



Andrea Shook
Katie Shurtleff
Christina Smith
Margaret Stevens
Sherri Thomas



Rebecca Timmins
Melissa Townsend
Rebecca Waggoner
Charlena Wilson
Nancy Wilson



Ashley Young

Alpha Delta Pi

SHOWCASING AFRICAN-AMERICAN TALENT

*Alpha Kappa Alpha and Alpha Phi Alpha co-host
the fourth annual Skee-Phi Weekend*

by Farrah Robinson

The Iota Kappa Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. continues to promote high scholarship and service on campus and in the community.

AKA's presence has been seen throughout the community. Members worked at Pinehaven's Mardi Gras Children's Parade and Wesley Manor's Valentine's Day Ball on Feb. 13.

Ongoing projects of AKA include cleanup at

the Helping Hands Mission, a campus blood drive, volunteering at the local Boys and Girls Club and tutoring through the Adopt-a-School program.

AKA also took time out for several social events, such as Founder's Day.

The fourth annual Skee-Phi Weekend was held Feb. 15-17 by AKA and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

The event show-

cased African-American talent, focusing on black American history. The highlight of the weekend was the step show which featured step teams from across the southeast.

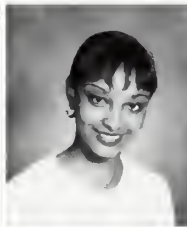
"The stepping portrayed by each of the groups originated in Africa as a form of celebration," said President Cassandra Gallaspy. "We carry out that tradition today mainly for entertainment purposes as a reflection of our black

heritage."

One new event was a block party on campus. The block party was designed to allow Greeks and non-Greeks to get to know each other in a social setting.

"This hopefully made those who would otherwise be intimidated by Greeks feel more comfortable," said member Nikki Robinson. "We tried to mix, mingle and thank all of those who attended the block party."

Audrea Adams
Jacqueline Anderson
Dikettie Ball
Gerry Blake
Dalphany Blalock
Lazaire Bradley
Kimberly Breland



LaQuitta Burkes
Charolette Burney
Sherri Byrd
Monica Carter
Niki Davis
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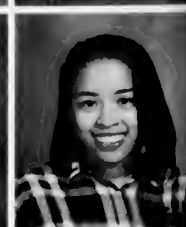
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Farrah Robinson
Nikki Robinson
Angela Russell
Clara Saafir



Tonya Seals
Sharritha Thigpen
Yolanda Tillman
LaWanda Wallace
Rashida Williams



DEDICATED TO THE COMMUNITY

Members of Alpha Phi Alpha sponsor Pace

Head Start and Project Alpha

by Jamie Hatch

Dedication, hard work, devotion and caring are just a few of the very notable words that can be used to describe the actions and accomplishments of Alpha Phi Alpha.

With an above average GPA and a very strong foundation of honor, community service and leadership skills, the 15 active members form a special group of men dedicated to giving much of their time to helping others in the community.

One of AΦA's community service projects is the Pace Head Start. Members act as role models to these young kids and are there to answer any questions they may have.

Edderek Cole, AΦA president, said, "We are trying to be positive role models and let them know that there is somebody on their side."

Project Alpha is the national project of AΦA. Twice a year members tar-

get high school-age teens and give them a strong basis of sexual education.

"We use a shock therapy that makes them really realize some of the consequences," Cole said.

In addition to these programs, AΦA has adopted two schools. Members go to these schools once a week and work with challenged kids who have the potential and ability to achieve their dreams.

"People don't real-

ize how easy it is to turn someone around at that young age," Cole said.

One of their main goals is to work with these kids, get them involved and excited about high school and then going on to college.

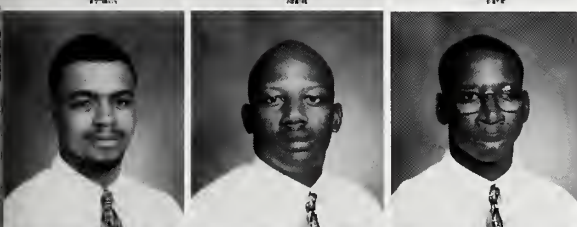
Cole said he feels that they are making a difference, and he is satisfied in knowing that they are moving ahead and making accomplishments with these children.



Edderek Cole
Brandon Dawkins
Shaun Evans



Ronald Green
Abe Hudson Jr.
Samuel Lewis



Mozell Little
Terry Saul
Demario Smith



Trebor Smith
Trey Ware
Kendrick Washington



Kevin Williams
Roderick Williams
Alvis Wright

Alpha **AΦA** Alpha

HAVING A BLAST FOR JUST SIX DOLLAR S

*Alpha Tau Omega expects 2,000 people at its
11th Annual Crawfish Boil*

by Jamie Hatch

Alpha Tau Omega is standing out and making a difference on campus.

This year, ATΩ held their famous and very successful 11th annual Crawfish Boil.

On March 30th, 5,000 pounds of crawfish were purchased and close to 2,000 people were expected at the ATΩ house.

Alpha Tau Omega also provides entertainment for its guests and everyone is welcome to eat all that they

can for just \$6. The same evening a party is held. All proceeds are donated to the Hattiesburg Civitan Camp.

The money goes to children and adults with mental retardation and makes it possible for these citizens to attend the two one-week camps that take place in Wiggins.

ATΩs are also very active on campus. They participate in cleanup days and canned food drives, and they came in first overall in

the blood drive held in the fall semester.

Twenty to 30 members take part in the Adopt-a-School program. Also, a few actively help with the civitan camp during the summer, and the chapter holds a yearly softball tournament to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

"The tournament is a great success every year," third year member Brian D'Alfonso said.

ATΩs are very active with sports on campus, as they are the reigning All University Intramural Champs.

ATΩ has a vision that they have developed this year. Their goal is to have a 100 percent graduation and job placement rate nationally by 1999.

ATΩs are fine men with high ideals and goals. As D'Alfonso said with pride and conviction about ATΩ, "It's my home away from home."

Robert Alley
Benjamin Bain-Creed
Tommy Ball
Sean Bernard
Scott Borne
Bubba Brannan
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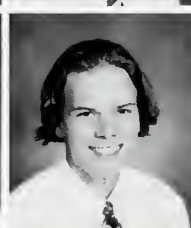
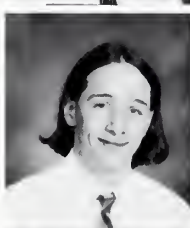
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Blake Hillman
Conor Hollis
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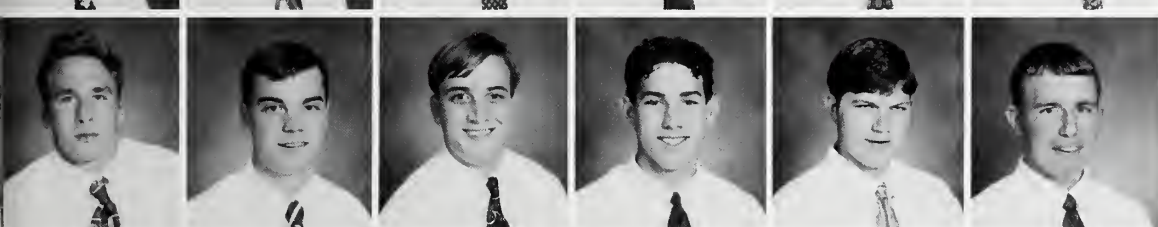
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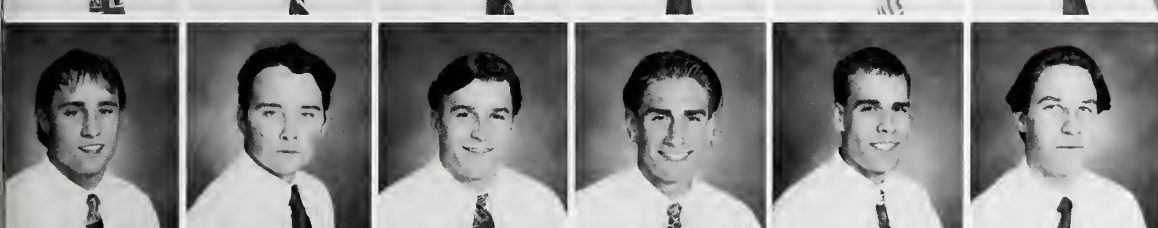
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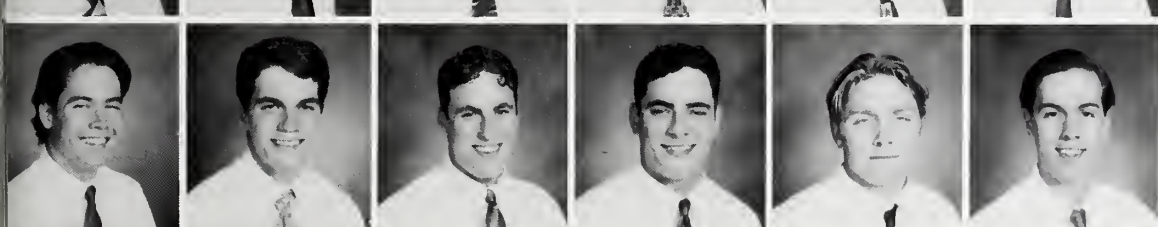
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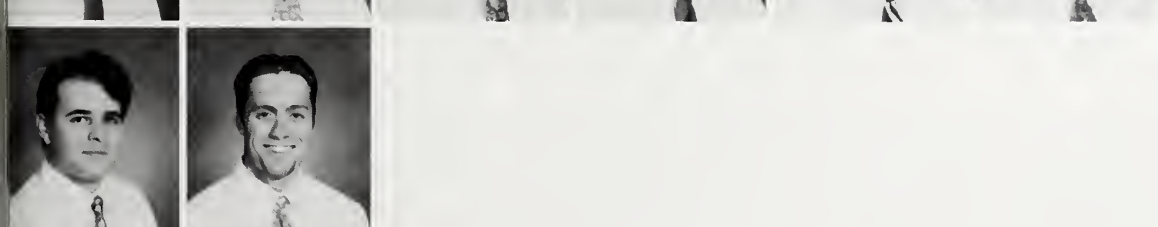
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Mark Spiers



Matthew Tabor
Bradley Talley
Christian Trahan
Cory Trahan
Troy Turnage
Eric Upchurch



Joe Verneuil
Ricardo Vita

Alpha Tau Omega

REFLECTING THE WARM GLOW OF CHRISTMAS

44th annual Songfest draws the campus together
for a night of holiday cheer

by Melissa Dudley

Community service is one of the most important aspects of the Epsilon Delta chapter of Chi Omega.

The sorority has been a vital campus component for almost 50 years. Their largest philanthropic event each year is Songfest.

The event raised \$1,600 for the USM School for Children with Language Disorders. The school works with children to improve their communication skills.

The sights and

sounds of Christmas filled Reed Green Coliseum as the ladies of Chi Omega hosted their 44th annual Songfest.

This year the Signing Eagles provided the special entertainment of the evening.

Chi Omega Songfest Chairman Stacy Holderfield was ready to help out this year.

"I have always loved music," Holderfield said. "This was my first

choice, and I was excited to be chosen to coordinate Songfest. There is no better way to get into the Christmas spirit and to help those in need than Songfest."

The warm glow of the lights reflected in the faces of the crowd as more than 1,000 friends and family members gathered in support of the students competing.

The competition itself was secondary to the fun and excitement. As Chi

Omega member Amanda Riso said, "Songfest is about Christmas, and it draws the campus together for a night of holiday cheer."

In addition to Songfest, Chi Omegas participated in the Adopt-a-School program for Greek Life and rang bells for the Salvation Army at Wal-Mart during the holidays.

They also co-hosted the Delta Tau Delta Cystic Fibrosis Fitness Challenge held in February.

Courtney Abshier
Lydia Alba
Jill Alexander
Charla Allo
Erin Aultman
Jennifer Aultman
Angela Barnes



Kristen Barnes
Annie Bourg
Lolly Brewer
Brittney Bush
Nichole Bush
Amy Carrubba
Kerry Croake



Sarah Daniell
Barbara Davis
Kim Davis
Melanie Davis
Amber DeHuff
Ashley Drown
Lindsey Dugas



Kristen Earles
Marie Eckert
April Epstein
Tracy Fallin
Abigayle Farris
Tiffany Folse
Liz Fox



Chi Omega



Tracy Gaddis
Stephanie Gee
Sara Gilmore
Kami Gordy
Kerri Green
Joanna Greene
Jennifer Hall

Stacy Holderfield
Krisun Holmes
Angela Jones
Christina Jones
Ronda Jones
Kerri Kelly
Gina Ladner

Kimberly Lambert
Megan Lehman
Michelle Manguno
April McHan
Laura McInnis
Erin McNeil
Jennifer McQueen

Ashley Meador
Amanda Miller
Karen Miller
Heather Mize
Jodie Mooneyham
Amanda Moore
Loretta Myers

Jaralea Ouliber
Melissa Pace
Amy Parden
Natalie Patrick
Nicol Powell
Jenny Prestridge
Paige Prince

Nicki Pruett
Jennifer Richards
Amanda Riso
Amy Roberts
Tara Rogers
Leslie Rose
Karen Ryals

Nicole Sadler
Julie Sandifer
Leanne Smith
Barbara Snow
Sharee Speedling
Katherine Spiller
Kristy St Germain

Nicole Taranto
Kelly Thompson
Lollie Vaughan
Nikki Winland

Chi Omega



STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE

Delta Delta Delta presents its third annual Frats-at-Bat Softball Tournament

by Cati Diamond

The Phi Epsilon Chapter of Delta Delta Delta has set high standards in academics and community service. This year, the members of ΔΔΔ worked hard to reach these standards.

Tri-Deltas stepped up to the plate for Children's Cancer Research on March 29 in their third annual Frats-at-Bat Softball Tournament.

The event consisted of co-ed fraternity and sorority softball teams battling it

out in a single elimination style tournament.

"This tournament has really grown over the past three years and has become one of the most fun philanthropic events in which to participate, as well as to facilitate," said Emily Bonner, Tri-Delta president.

Because of the success of this young philanthropic event, ΔΔΔ has been nominated to receive a philanthropic award at the Tri-Delta National Convention

this summer in Arlington, Texas.

"I really enjoyed the opportunity that the chapter gave me with this event," said Rebecca Waugh, philanthropic chairman. "All of the hard work paid off when the announcement that we were up for the award came out. I am proud to be associated with a chapter that is so recognized by the executive office."

ΔΔΔ has also been recognized by the Delta

Delta Delta Executive Office in other areas. They are the recipients of the Margaret Paddock Haller Award, an award that names the top 10 Tri-Delta chapters in the nation and have continuously been recognized for excellence in rush and academics.

The chapter has also received numerous awards on campus, including the highest greek scholastic average award and the Aubrey K. Lucas Award.

Heather Adams
Arian Aguirre
Courtney Allen
Amy Arneemann
Allison Arner
Julie Barnes
Amy Baumgartner



Heather Berke
Dena Boatman
Emily Bonner
Cherie Boudreaux
Kristen Breland
Risha Broadway
Jill Brown



Jennifer Bullock
Jana Bunkley
Sarah Burcaw
Wendy Cannon
Jennifer Casey
Jennifer Courtade
Mary Marjorie Cowser



Blythe Daigle
Melyssa Davis
Jennifer DeLuca
Charlotte Denton
Cati Diamond
Angela DiChiara
Emily Ephgrave



Hannah Erwin
Amy Foster
Amanda Gambrell
Allison Gendusa
Gina Giammalva
Amity Graves
Leah Haley



Delta ΔΔΔ Delta



Joy Hamilton
Jennifer Haulman
Regina Hood
Lacy Horn
Molly Hunley
Jennifer Jennings
Jamie Jones

Melanie Jones
Courtney Kamman
Wendy Keith
Alissa Lama
Mary Langley
Lisa Langnes
Danna LeFan

Robin Legget
Blair Loomis
Leigha Lynn
Jennifer Magee
Jennifer Marciani
Randi McDole
Kelley McGuire

Merrily McKean
Adriane Medenwald
Allison Mikel
Angela Mozingo
Gina Myatt
Lauren Noto
Kelli Overstreet

Emily Perritt
Kelly Powell
Keri Powell
Robin Ranson
Heather Register
Jennifer Ros
Mandy Runnels

Kristin Scarle
Michelle Seall
Stephanie Shows
Catherine Smith
Macie Smith
Christy Sullivan
Macey Thompson

Courtney Venable
Alicia Vorhaben
Ann Vorhaben
Jana Waller
Leslie Ann Walters
Rebecca Waugh
Lauren Weidman

Katie Woods
Alexandra Zupko

Delta  Delta



MAKING WAVES AT ANCHOR SPLASH

The Delta Pi Chapter of Delta Gamma raises \$4,000 for Service for Sight

by Kerri Provenza
and Andrea Boudreaux

Delta Pi Chapter of Delta Gamma lives up to the strong ideals and standards by which it was founded. This year, they are pleased to celebrate their 25th anniversary here at USM.

"Seeing the alumni who attended our 25th anniversary made us realize our lifetime bond of love and sisterhood to Delta Gamma," said President Chrissy Modenbach.

A service organization, $\Delta\Gamma$ works for Service for

Sight. This year, $\Delta\Gamma$ raised over \$4,000 for this charity during Anchor Splash.

"Anchor Splash is a time when we can enjoy our strong bonds of sisterhood while helping the less fortunate people in the community," said Anchor Splash Chairman Julie Jarrell.

Fraternities and sororities compete throughout the week in activities ranging from King Neptune, a lip-synch contest, to Mr. and Miss Eyes, a money-drop

competition.

The culmination of the week is a swim competition including relay races, cooler races and a synchronized swimming event.

The sorority also collects old eyeglasses, administers sight screenings and read children's books on tape in an effort to aid visually impaired people.

The women of Delta Gamma pride themselves on their diversity and individuality. This year, $\Delta\Gamma$ is

honored to have two maids on the '95 Homecoming Court. Also, $\Delta\Gamma$ is proud to be the overall winner of Songfest for the second consecutive year.

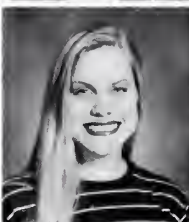
The ladies of $\Delta\Gamma$ are proud of their accomplishments and understand that hard work leads to success.

Their sisterhood shines through in everything they do. These young women share a common bond that cannot be broken: their love for Delta Gamma.

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Britney Baygents
Angela Bishop
Alyson Blum
Andrea Boudreaux
Christine Brauner



Leigh Bullock
Angela Calico
Kristi Callender
Toni Clements
Julie Couret
Laverne Courville



Cortney Cradeur
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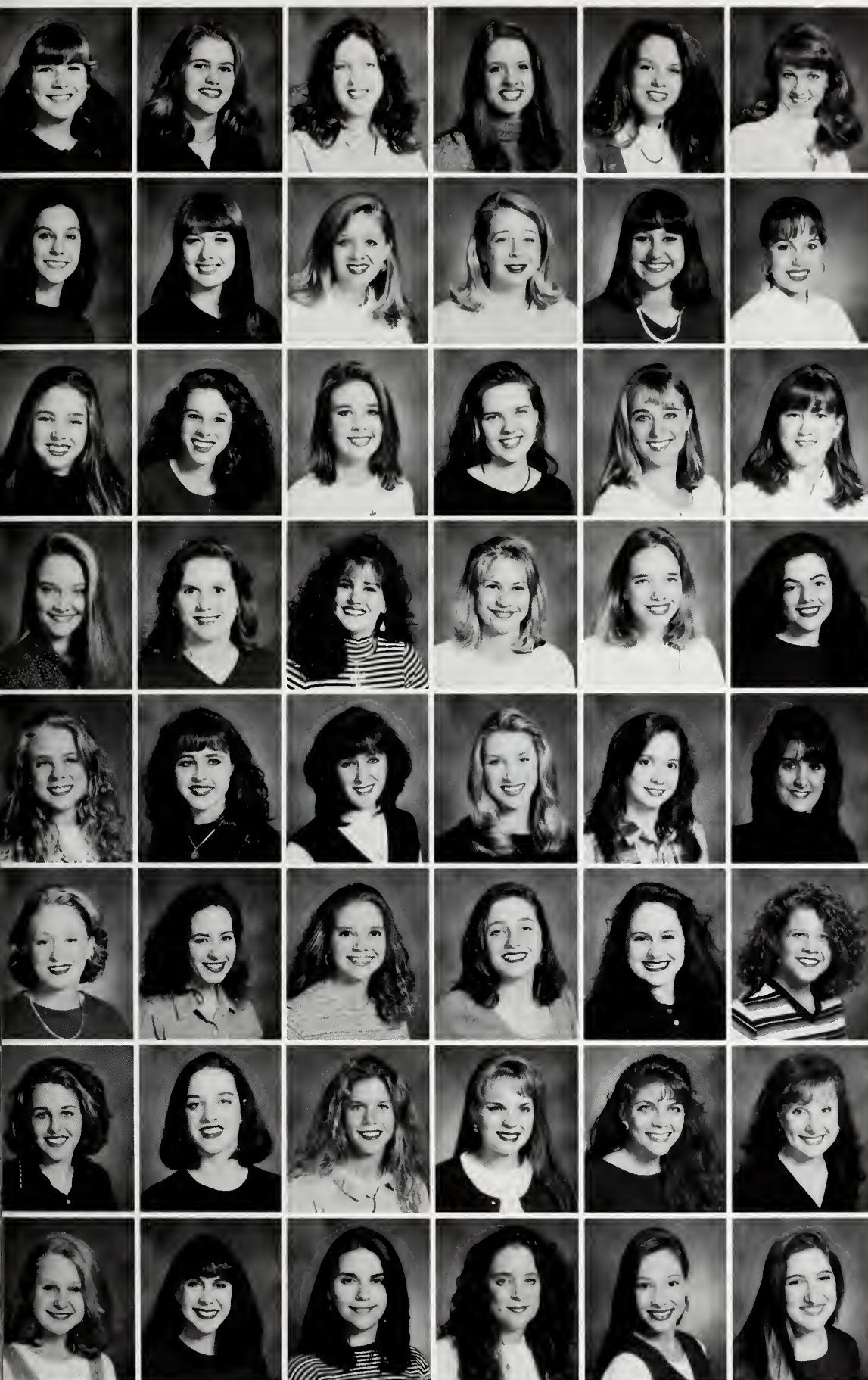
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Amanda Frazier
Jill Gilbert
Gaylyn Gill



Michelle Gilmore
Shelly Goodbread
Angela Goodwin
Heather Greig
Melanie Hampton
Kristy Hanlon



Delta $\Delta\Gamma$ Gamma



Stephany Hartfield
Lori Hill
Sarah Hogrefe
Amber Holifield
Dawn Howard
Fayla Huff

Kirk Huggins
Katherine Jarman
Julie Jarrell
Megan Jordan
Nikki Keough
Kristyn King

Natalie Kramer
Becky Krieger
Shelby Lambert
Janet LeMasters
Glennis Loeber
Chrissy Modenbach

Tiffany Morris
Wendy Morris
Angela Nicholson
Cali O'Brien
JoAline Parker
Gloria Peters

Alicia Pineda
Cherry Porch
Kerri Provenza
Michelle Purchner
Susan Raley
Ginny Rayborn

Kimberly Robinson
Cristina Sanchez
Amy Scofield
Shannon Scott
Casey Smith
Stacey Smith

Courtney Stanton
Megan Theriot
Jennifer Thompson
Tonda Varnado
Laurie Walther
Kim Ward

Liza Ward
Lori Waupsh
Susanna Welbourne
Stephanie Williams
Katie Young
Gretchen Zehender

Delta  Gamma



KEEPING THE TORCH LIT

Delta Sigma Theta continues their mission of giving back to the community

by Angie Haynes

The ladies in the Mu Nu chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sigma Inc. are dedicated to community service.

This year, $\Delta\Sigma\Theta$ was involved in a number of community service activities. They sponsored the Arthritis Foundation by selling Luv Pops and donating all the proceeds to the foundation.

$\Delta\Sigma\Theta$ hosted a spring festival for the children in the surrounding Hattiesburg area at the Mount Olive Baptist Church.

Also, members went out into the community to register people to vote. They helped sponsor three voter registration drives in which over 200 people registered to vote.

With public service as the key philosophy, these ladies continue to keep the torch lit. "We are continuing our mission to reach out and give back to the community," said Claudette Alford, social action committee chairperson.

They even under-

went training and counseled pregnant teenagers as a part of a special Big Sisters program.

This is the first year for the Adopt-A-Grandparent program. Members visited nursing homes and took an elderly person a gift basket filled with the basic necessities.

Also concerned about campus security, $\Delta\Sigma\Theta$ made it a goal to inform the entire student body about the rules and regulations regarding campus security.

The celebration of the chapter's 20th-year anniversary was held in October in conjunction with the Homecoming festivities. Over 100 members came to take part in the celebration.

They were doubly excited by having a sorority sister as USM's third African-American Homecoming Queen.

Members of $\Delta\Sigma\Theta$ continue to strive to be the best in everything they do.

Claudette Alford
Shannon Allen
Terisita Carter
Sheena Glover
Angela Haynes
Tiffany Hollis



Zandra Hunter
Sherita Jenkins
Queing Jones
Sundance Knox
Kimberly McFarland
Heather Moman



Kimberly Moore
Rosalyn Moton
Angela Roberson
Anana Scott
Tracey Scott
Zanita Spears



Shuntee Taylor
Tabitha Tucker
Dejoné Vereen
Kimberly Ward
Monika Warren
LaQuainta Wright



Delta Sigma Theta

FLEXING A LITTLE DELT MUSCLE

Delta Tau Delta's Fitness Challenge raises nearly \$6,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

by Abigayle C. Farris

The Zeta Chi Chapter of Delta Tau Delta continues to work hard not only on campus but also in the community.

ΔΤΔ flexed its muscle this year by raising nearly \$6,000 for the Mississippi chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The annual Cystic Fibrosis Fitness Challenge puts teams from organizations and businesses around Hattiesburg in direct physical competition to help raise funds for

cystic fibrosis research.

The day starts at 8 a.m. with several teams, each made up of five males and five females, competing in a volleyball tournament.

The teams then move on to a basic fitness challenge which includes walking and sit-ups, a basketball shoot-out, a mystery event and a tug-of-war.

Officiating at the challenge is usually a celebrity referee. "We usually have a celebrity referee,

which is a semi-famous person to come and be the referee," said Aaron Hill, ΔΤΔ president.

The charity event is well known to groups around Hattiesburg, from Chesterfield's to the Hattiesburg Police Department.

Four of the past five years, the team from the Institute for Wellness and Sports Medicine has landed the first-place spot.

"They really get into it," Hill said. "Some are re-

ally serious about it, and some just come to have fun -- but everybody ends up having fun."

ΔΤΔ also works with other community projects such as Adopt-A-Highway, United Way Mega-Garage Sale and Salvation Army bell ringing at Christmas.

With such ongoing support to the community, members of ΔΤΔ prove they are willing to give their all wherever needed.



Jonathan Bergeron
David DeBlasio
Richard Ferguson
David Fuhr
Paul Gentry

Aaron Hill
Christopher Howard
Travis Landry
Anthony Mendoza
Wayne Miller

Mike Moore
Rommel Morales
Westley Morehead
Stephen Reid
John Stine

Richard Tomberlin
Fred Vinet
Shannon Weeks
David Whittington
Robert Wickersham

Delta  Delta



B BRINGING THEIR SISTERHOOD HOME E

*Delta Zeta extends the sense of camaraderie
that is their lifeblood*

by Stacey Lazenby
and David Taylor

The ladies of Epsilon Mu chapter of Delta Zeta continue to grow into a very committed and active chapter of the national organization.

This year, ΔZ hosted "Province" for the Mississippi and Louisiana chapters on March 23-24. ΔZs from Louisiana State University, Nicholls State and University of New Orleans joined together with USM to have a weekend full of workshops, awards and sisterly time together.

The conference brought two of the highest national officers of the orga-

nization to Hattiesburg. Janine Triplett, director of new member education, and Deborah Raziano, director of membership services, joined ΔZ alumnae in encouraging their younger sisters.

Delta Zetas love to spend quality time together. "I feel that ΔZ has a very close sisterhood," senior Stacey Duhé said. "We all know each other so well and, we are always helping one another."

A new member retreat was held in New Orleans the week before initiation in January. This event

brought many of the new members closer together as sisters and gave them one last time to be together before becoming initiates.

Members work hard all year to help the community and the university by participating in several community service activities.

Hattiesburg's Kamper Park and Zoo is Delta Zeta's local philanthropy. Their annual project is Zoo Boo held during the week of Halloween.

This year, ΔZ sponsored Zoo Boo with Phi Kappa Tau. These men and women played with local

children in such activities as face painting, basketball and ring toss.

"It was a lot of fun sponsoring Zoo Boo with Phi Kappa Tau," freshman Sara Schaeffer said. "They were a lot of help and a great asset towards our philanthropy."

These ladies also love to have fun when they are not participating in campus or community activities. In February, "Generic Party VI" was held at La Fiesta Brava.

This year's theme was "It's Been a Hard Day's Night." Kilarney Rose Formal was held on May 3 at Pat O'Brien's in New Orleans.

Cynthia Blaylock
Bethany Burrows
Emily Callegari
Stacey Duhé



Jaqueline Dujkovic
Candice Ellison
Katherine Fokakis
Jacquelin Fontenot



Cheri Gabel
Jessica Gallagher
Greta Gates
Kathryn Grantham



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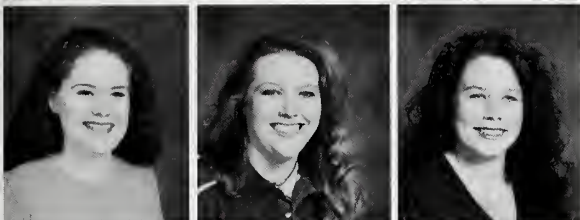
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Alicia Lovette
Lindsay Lowery
Stacey Macoy



Karen Moody
Heather Naquin
Judith Nussbaum



Niki Pace
Sherée Purvis
Sarintha Riddell



Erin Ring
Jennifer Roberts
Kirschen Saxton



Sara Schaeffer
Connie Short
Sandy Smith



Susie Smith
Gentry Stutzman
Alison Waters



Jennifer Watson
Ashley Wingo
Shannon Wray

Delta  Zeta

MAKING A LASTING IMPRESSION

*Sigma Gamma Rho returns to campus
after a thirteen-year absence*

by Jamie Hatch

Here on the campus of USM there is a group of young women who in the last year have made a difference to the campus and the community as a whole.

These students are known as Sigma Gamma Rho. With a new charter on March 25, 1995, after not being on the campus for 13 years, these girls hit the street running making themselves known to everyone.

During Founders Week this fall, Sigma Gamma

Rho sponsored their first Charity Ball. Held at the Ramada Limited in Hattiesburg, tickets were purchased to attend and donations were taken from community businesses.

All funds were contributed to the NAACP, Boys and Girls Club and Habitat for Humanity.

The sorority also held its first Kids Day Festival. After receiving donations from Mississippi casinos and area companies in

Hattiesburg, fliers were sent out to all community-wide children promoting a day of fun with guest speaker Smarty Pants.

Approximately 35 children were fed lunch and had the chance to win prizes while listening to Smarty Pants talk about drug abuse and the importance of education.

President Talbertcu Nabors said, "The kids really enjoyed it and are looking forward to it again next year."

Other events for the year included performing community service at Thames Elementary School, supporting the Salvation Army and contributing time to the Boys and Girls Club.

Even though Sigma Gamma Rho is a small and growing sorority, their first year has made a lasting impact on the campus of USM.

As Michell Irvin, a senior excise physiology major, said, "We're here to stay!"

Melissa Barrett
Zenobia Bell
Tasha Clifton



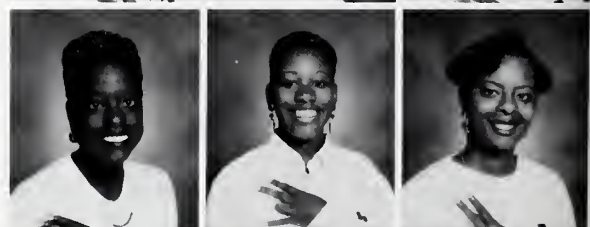
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Valencia Giles



Dianah Hayes
Bridgette Hurte
Likita Irvin



Valinda Joiner
LaShondra Myles
Talbertcu Nabors



Leona Woullard
LaTonia Wright



CONTINUING THE TRADITION

Members of Kappa Alpha raise funds for the MD Association

by Jamie Hatch

These "Southern Gentlemen," as they take pride in being known as, are comprised of outstanding members devoted to the Kappa Alpha Order.

The members of KA understand that they represent their chapter, Greek Life and the university at all times and have a responsibility to do so to the best of their ability.

When asked what a good KA is, Rhett Walker, a junior music industry major

said, "a distinguished southern gentleman who is always around when you need him."

These distinguished gentlemen participate in a various array of activities from SGA to marching and jazz bands.

The group has an outstanding diversity which they consider an extreme asset to the chapter as a whole.

Each year, KA holds a golf tournament

during their spring party for the alumni. It is a way of getting more alumni interest in the chapter. All of the money that is raised is given to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

For the past two summers, KA has sponsored a volleyball tournament, and in the spring of '96, KA also worked with Wal-Mart to collect money and canned goods.

All money that was raised for both events was

donated to the MDA.

KA also works with the Salvation Army during Christmas, and they donate clothes to goodwill throughout the year.

Every KA is expected to show respect for himself, as well as to those that are around him, and uphold the standards of heritage, tradition and brotherhood set by the order.

"We believe strongly in brotherhood," said President John Dussouy.



Billy Adkins
Shawn Carnley
Grant Cooley
John Dussouy
Michael Dussouy
Alex Eleuterius
Bryan Ferguson

Rick Finley
Michael Forestieri
Timothy Garrett
Paul Gottlieb
Matthew Guillory
Chris Kern
Stephen Kleinke

Timothy Lancaster
David LaPointe
Joel Lofton
Brent Lyons
Scott McIlwain
Steven Morse
Rusty Necaie

Brett Netto
William Powe III
Stan Rigney
Larry Ritchie
Brad Southern
Anthony Starcher
Edward Stuart

James Verney
Ches Vervaeke
Rhett Walker
Jim Watts
Lee West
Scott Western
Michael Young

Lisa Erickson
Gia Harris
Katherine Jarman
Cherry Porch
Michelle St. Amant
Kim Ward
Liza Ward

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

*Kappa Delta wins seven awards at the
Greek Life Banquet*

by Melissa Dudley
and Ashley Schafer

The members of the Beta Sigma chapter of Kappa Delta Sorority strive for excellence in many areas including philanthropy, academics and campus involvement.

In December, the women of KΔ joined forces with the Association of Office Professionals and the men of Delta Tau Delta to host the second annual Santa's Bargain Basement and Mega Garage Sale.

More than \$2,000

was raised for area programs supported by the United Way.

Volunteers collected donations of clothing and various household items from students and community members.

"I really enjoyed helping," said Lacey Ziegler, a KΔ member. "We always love to do anything that benefits the community."

KΔ also supports the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse and the

Children's Hospital in Richmond, Va., as well as a foster child in Colombia.

KΔ won several awards during '95-'96. The sorority took seven prestigious awards at the Greek Life Banquet including: President of the Year, Panhellenic Delegate of the Year, Greek Seeker of the Year, Rho Chi of the Year, Community Service, Fundraising and Panhellenic Participation.

Also, they placed

first in the homecoming float competition.

KΔ maintains an active social calendar which includes Founder's Day, KΔ Fall Party, Sisterhood retreats, White Rose Formal, and many mixers.

Members of the sorority work to make the most of their experiences.

"KΔ has taught me so much about myself," said member Angie Vernamonti. "I wouldn't trade my sisters for anything."

Cori Allen
Megan Andrews
Kary Baker
Michelle Bowden
Bethany Boyles
Susan Bridges
Virginia Bridges



Traci Brinson
Allison Burns
Kelli Carter
Jessica Compretta
Cammie Cooper
Jennifer Cousins
Jennifer Crain



Natalie Crain
Laurie Daniel
Leslie Davis
Asha DePolo
Kara Fleming
Stephanie Flowers
Amy Ford



Laura Ford
Karen Gartman
Kathryn Gartman
Jennifer Garvin
Jill Gary
Amie Goff
Heather Hale



Alyssa Hall
Lisa Harper
Christy Hemeter
Carmen Henderson
Tiffany Hensley
Allison Hipwell
Erin Hogan



Kappa Delta



Megan Hubert
Lucy Jackson
Brandi Jones
Emily Jane Jones
Brittany Keaton
Shannon Kesler

Kelly Ladner
Nicole Lally
Brandi Lanford
Courtney Legleu
Monica Lewis
Kim Mason

Kelcie McKinley
Sarah McLelland
Amanda McMullin
Trysta Mele
Holly Montz
Tanya Moore

Kristy Parker
Sachia Rahaim
Carol Reed
Liz Reinhardt
Ashley Riggs
Ashley Schafer

Christy Scruggs
Stacie Sisung
Lyle Smith
Kathryn Spears
Allison Speck
Carrie Spencer

Chrissy Staten
Kristie Stewart
Lindsey Stokley
Stacey Straus
Johanna Swain
Brooke Tisdale

Angie Vernamonti
Wendy Vervaeke
Robin Waits
Leslie Walker
Johnna Whitaker
Amy Wild

Erin Williams
Ashley Wilson
Monique Young
Nicole Young
Lacey Ziegler
Courtney Zito

Kappa Delta



STANDING UP FOR WHAT THEY BELIEVE

From football players to band members, Kappa Sigma is dedicated to upholding high standards

by Jamie Hatch

The Epsilon Nu chapter of Kappa Sigma continues to establish its place on campus and take pride in who they are.

"Kappa Sig has given me a place to call 'home' since entering college," said member Scott Dassau.

This year, with 23 new pledges, marks the largest class of pledges in five years for KΣ. From football players to band members, KΣ recruited a group of men who are outspoken and are

not afraid to stand up for what they believe in, continuing the traditions set by their forefathers.

"The diversity of our chapter makes everyone respect each other, and it kind of brings everyone closer together," said senior Derek Rose.

Each month members of KΣ are required to perform four hours of community service.

Such service involves taking part in blood

drives, collecting canned goods and participating in the Adopt-a-School program.

Also, KΣ donated a large wooden handmade sign to the new Forrest County Humane Society. The sign was made by housefather Randy Jamison.

Sports are another source of pride for KΣ. Most members participate in intramurals and, in four of the last six years, they have won the All-University Championship. This year

they won the All-University Flag-Football competition.

Members of KΣ are required to meet high standards of excellence. Junior Jamie Miller, a former rush chairman, said, "I tried to get guys that are competitive that are bright, that are outspoken and that are not afraid to stand for what they believe in, whatever it may be."

These characteristics come through in the actions of each member of Kappa Sigma.

Casey Accardo
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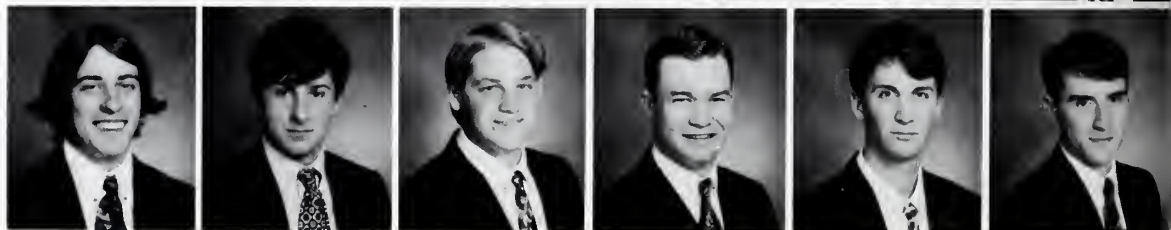
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Ben Wilson
Michael Wright



Tyler Young

Kappa Sigma



MENDING THE BROKEN HEARTS OF CHILDREN

*Phi Kappa Tau's annual Soccer Classic
raises money to help homeless and troubled children*

by Abigayle C. Farris

The last weekend in February brought more than the first warmth of spring-- it warmed the hearts of the many homeless or troubled children who are part of the Paul Newman Foundation.

Phi Kappa Tau's annual Soccer Classic raised \$750 for the new organization, which helps mend the broken lives of many kids.

Sixteen teams competed in the two-day tournament, which raised its revenue

through entry fees and ticket sales.

Senior Jeremy Christ said teams came from all over to compete in the event.

Teams from Louisiana, Alabama and all over the state of Mississippi showed up to sweat it out for the tournament title. They were joined by two international teams. The field of competitors included high school, college and private squads.

Next year, organizer Andy Reed said, the Phi Taus hope to include a women's league in the Classic.

When it was all over, the team from Ole Miss was victorious.

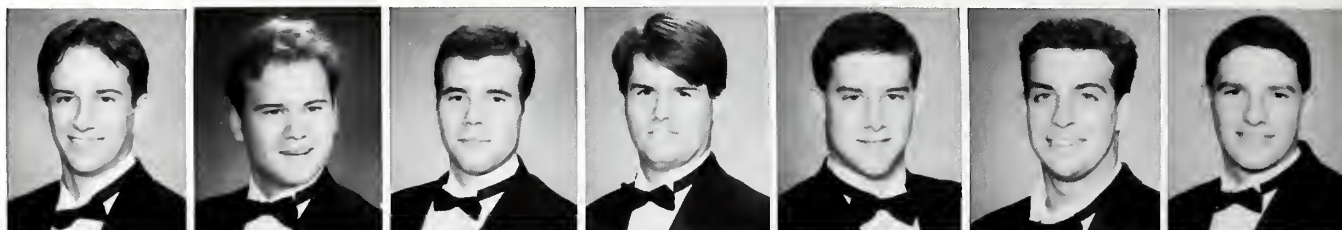
"It was a great weekend," Reed said, "and it was a great cause."

The men of Phi Kappa Tau also host an annual Lost Weekend, a week long spring celebration involving about 700 dedicated participants.

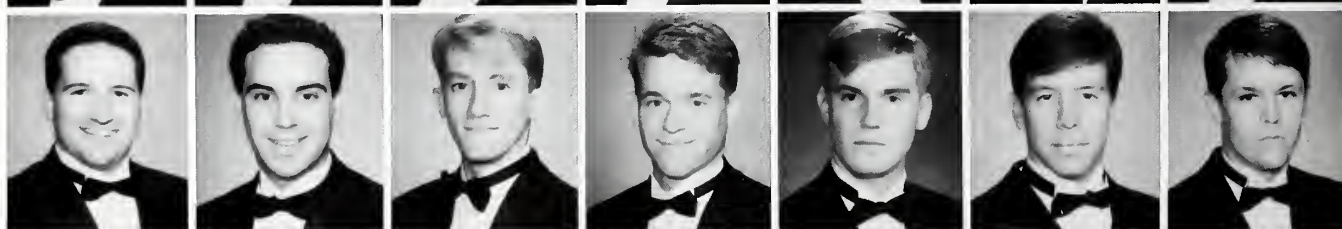
One part of the Lost Weekend is the "Chip Shot" where a grid is drawn on the basketball court with spots sold for \$5 each. A chicken is then let loose to choose which spot it deems most worthy to relieve itself on. The winner is awarded a \$500 prize.

The tradition of mixing fun with raising money for worthy causes has helped to make USM's chapter of Φ KT one of the top ten in the country.

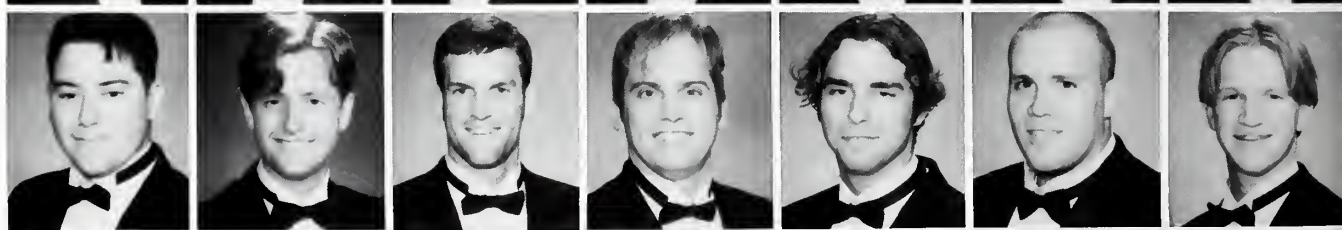
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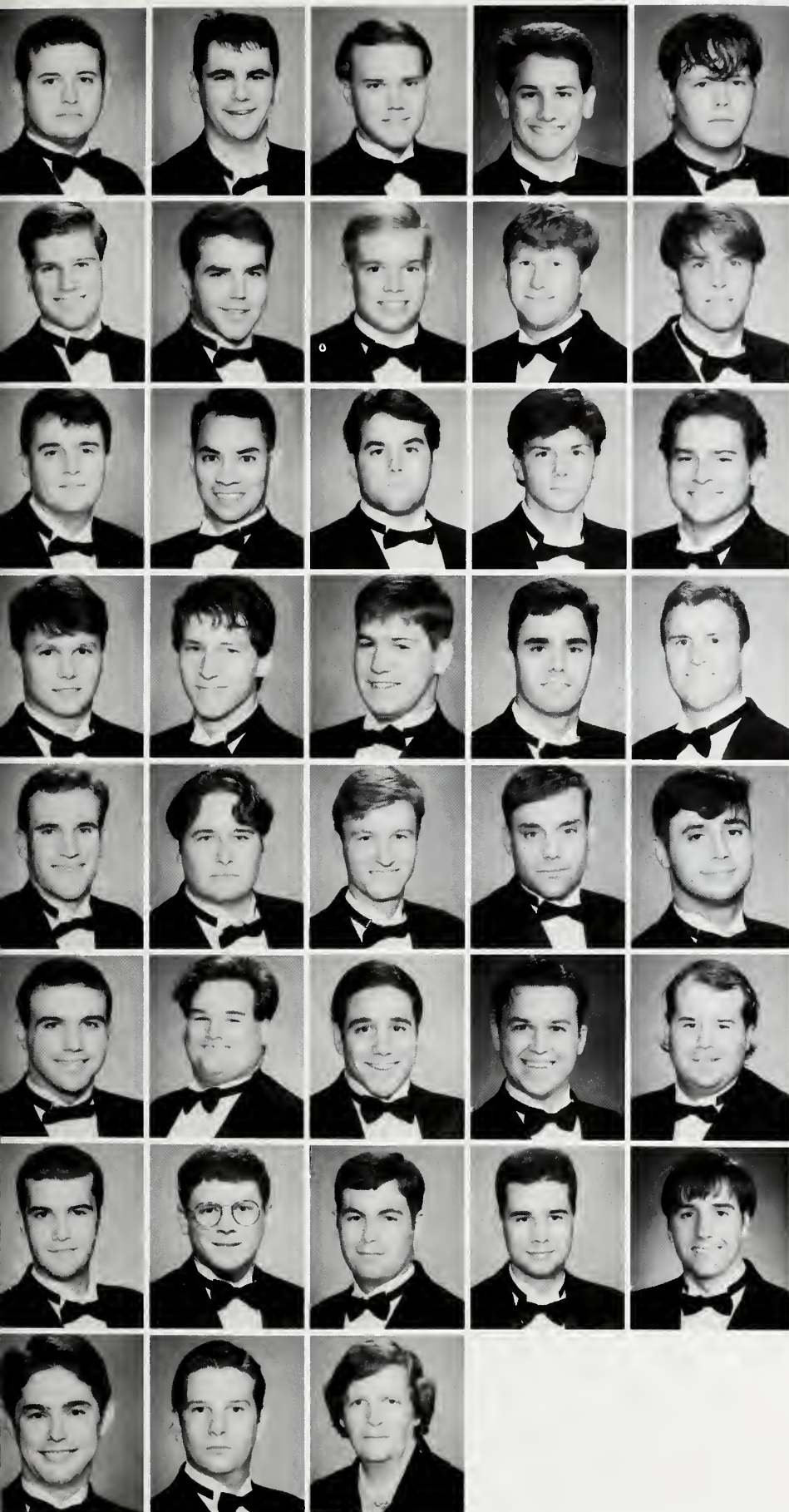
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Phi Kappa Tau



FOSTERING A NEW TRADITION

Phi Mu members work to bring joy during the holidays to the hearts of children

by Melissa Dudley

Visions of a new south continued as the ladies of Phi Mu began a new tradition of their own this year. The Toy Cart was proposed by Jennifer Stano, philanthropic chairman.

The idea is to load a cart with toys and deliver the toys to children who have to stay in the hospital over the holidays.

Stano said she discovered the Toy Cart program in the Phi Mu history book and decided the idea

would work great at USM.

"We love to do community service, and it seemed like the right thing for Phi Mu to do," Stano said. "It fit right in with the Christmas and holiday spirit."

Cancer, diabetes and other illnesses keep these children from being able to go home for the holidays.

On Dec. 9, Phi Mu members went to the Medical Center in Jackson to visit with the children.

The goal of the Toy Cart is to bring a little joy from home to the hospital.

"Often these children have few visitors, and we hope we brightened their holidays with the gifts and our visit," Stano said.

Lona Napier was quick to volunteer to give out the gifts. Not too long ago, her brother, who was suffering from cancer, was one of the residents of the children's wing.

Napier said she

knows from personal experience how special visits are to these children.

In addition to the Toy Cart, Phi Mu continues to work in the community with the Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, the Sexual Assault Crisis Center, the Hattiesburg Boys and Girls Club, and the Preschool Language Program.

Phi Mu also works to raise money for their national philanthropy, the Children's Miracle Network.

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Courtney Bell
Lynne Bischof
Mandi Black
Kasie Bono



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Amanda Buckalew
Shannon Burgoon
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Becky Criswell
Shelly Cuevas



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Lisa Davis
Cherry Dean
Marcie Falgout
Lori Ferguson
Laura Frazer
Shanda Fuqua



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Bridget Hux
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Emily Ickes

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Melinda King
Shelli Klein
Christie Leperi
Carrie Lindsoe

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Lauren Maurin
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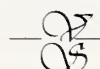
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Allison Stayton
Monica Vann
Amy Wall
Kristi Walsten
Brandi Wells

Tara Whitaker
Jocelyn White
Susan Williams
Lauren Windmeyer
Wendy Wood
Michelle Yeager

Phi Mu



REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY

Pi Beta Phi members campaign to heighten eating disorders awareness

by Chris Dufour

The ladies of the Mississippi Alpha Chapter of the Pi Beta Phi Fraternity work hard to maintain high academic and philanthropic standards.

They continue to tackle difficult social problems in their endeavors to reach out to the community.

Pi Phi has joined its sister chapters across the country in a national campaign to heighten eating disorder awareness and, during the fall, held Eating

Disorders Awareness Week.

Thanks to the driven efforts made by Pi Phi, steps are being taken to rectify the low awareness of eating disorders.

"We have so much to do for this event," Pi Phi President, Lori Herrington said. "And it's not just that either. We're involved in so many other activities like Links to Literacy and our Arrowspike. It's all for good causes."

Indeed, the women

of Pi Phi proved their dedication by flooding the Hattiesburg area with many activities and events to raise money and promote sponsorship.

"I'm proud to see Pi Phi doing stuff like this for the area," Herrington said. "Sometimes, the public gets a bad image of sororities and fraternities, but when we take steps like these to get involved, it shows how

much character and care we really have."

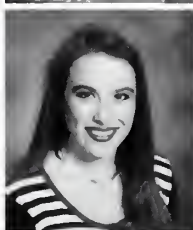
Also, Pi Phi was involved in several other activities such as Alcohol Awareness Week and Drug Awareness Week. For Christmas, they gave toys to several children from the Salvation Army Angel Tree.

At the Panhellenic Banquet, Pi Phi won the awards for Highest Pledge GPA, and Christy Sanders was named the Most Outstanding Alumni Adviser.

Kelly Baker
Katie Berry
Rachel Black
Lauren Bledsoe
Michele Boudreaux
Jessica Burton
Melissa Calhoun



Stephanie Cancienne
Jennifer Carlson
Margot Carter
Juliette Cassagne
Andi Chappell
Holly Chatelain
Katherine Clancy



Mary Cummings
Dayna DiGerolamo
Karen Feldmeyer
Melissa Finley
Rhonda Fortenberry
Brandi Gambles
Rebecca Goodman



Stephanie Gregory
Gia Harris
Kristy Heitzmann
Lori Herrington
Jennifer Houston
Nicole Innerarity
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Nicole Judice
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Amanda Larson
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Lara Lewis
Alainna Lizarraga
Jane Lodwick
Erin Lowe
Wendi McLain
Amy McPhail

Margaret Miguez
Louise Miley
Michelle Miller
Nicole Nieto
Tina Perret
Nancy Poindexter

Jennifer Poulsen
Shelley Putnam
Amy Roberts
Sheri Roberts
Chantel Ronquille
Julie Scott

Christi Seal
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Ann Smith
Shelley Smolcich
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Suzanne Stack

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Kelly Thrash
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Amanda Traver
Jennifer Tregre

Claire Ueltschey
Nina Vaccarella
Caryn Watkins
Kellye White
Mandy Witcher

Pi Beta Phi



PUSHING FORWARD AND SETTING RECORDS

The men of Pi Kappa Alpha log more than 1,300 philanthropy hours in only two semesters

by Melissa Dudley
and Karon Clark

Outstanding achievement, community service and excellence in leadership are just a few hallmarks of the Delta Mu chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha.

"The men of PKA logged more than 1,300 philanthropy hours in the last two semesters," President Jason Dean said. "As far as recent history, this is a new record."

This was a record year for the men of Pike in many ways. They were awarded Most Improved Chapter and received the

award for Scholarship at Regionals for Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

On the national level, they were awarded fourth place in rush. With the help of all of the recognition and awards, the men of Pike continue to improve the strength of the chapter.

One of the most notable changes is the new fundraising event held in April for the United Way: the Pike Powder Puff Football Tournament.

Two days a week, the members of Pike spend

their lunch hour visiting the students at the School for Children with Language Disorders. Other activities they participate in are blood drives and canned food drives.

Pikes also make time for social activities. In the summer, the entire chapter and several rush-ees went to the Okatoma river as part of rush activities. They also took a trip to the Gulf Coast.

In December, they held their Christmas formal on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

In April, PKA holds their three-day party known as Pikefest. The Pikes bring in several bands to perform on Thursday and Friday. On Saturday, there is an all-day party with music and food.

Overall, Pikes make the most of the opportunities they are given, whether it is in service to the community or campus.

"Being a Pike has been one of the most enjoyable and fulfilling experiences of my college career," senior Ruston Johns said.

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Brad Armstrong
Dan Barnes
Beau Bartholomew
Gene Bishop
John Burks

Jim Carlson
Keith Caton
Johnathan Clark
Wilson Coleman
Jason Dean
Michael Herret

William Hoffmann
Jason Hollis
Derek Inkol
Ruston Johns
David Krenning
Stephen Kuljis

Chad Lee
Tony Leslie
Jonah Lock
Gordon McCloskey
Joseph McLaughlin
Brian McLelland



Pi Kappa Alpha



Ryan Mouledous
Jason Mungo
Charlie Murray
Eric Oehms

Rodger Pardue
Michael Parker
Jeremy Pattie
Matthew Perez

Brian Robertson
Kevin Roch
Thomas Saffle
Ron Savell

Casey Simmerman
Beau Simonson
Shaun Stapleton
Eric Stephens

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Casey Swift
Joel Traweek
Scott Walker

Clayton Wasilenko
Jason Wold

Pi Kappa Alpha



BEACONS SHINING INTO THE DARKNES S

*Sigma Alpha Epsilon members reach out
to help in times of need*

by Chris Dufour

You see them everywhere. They are chairing a campus cleanup committee, suggesting new idea after new idea on the Interfraternity Council and living it up at Hub City Lanes. They are the brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and they do not take their legacy lightly.

"The point is that we are *brothers*," said Chad Badeaux, president of the fraternity and a criminal justice major. "Whatever we do, wherever we go, we do it like

brothers. We do it like E's."

The fellowship inspired within Σ AE has remained a mainstay of the fraternity's pride, a beacon which shines into the darkest corners of their little piece of the Pine Belt.

It is not uncommon for one to see a group of brothers helping each other in their studies. They strive to better each other rather than just themselves.

"This is why I chose Σ AE," said Cam Norris, a

member of Σ AEs fall pledge class. "They're always there for you. That's why we've got the biggest pledge class on the row this semester."

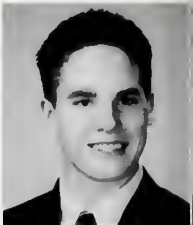
Σ AE was given the chance to prove their dedication to community during the tumultuous events surrounding Hurricane Opal in late September.

Hearing of the mass evacuations from the coast because of the storm's vexing proximity, the Σ AE's quickly put together a refugee shelter

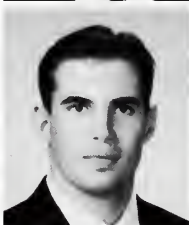
for the massive influx of people seeking safety from Opal. Radio broadcasts were transmitted of the Σ AEs answer to the lack of space in Hattiesburg, thanks to brother Todd Metz's quick thinking. Within hours, the chapter house had been filled with nearly 30 people.

"It was great for all parties involved," said Ashley Perry, an accounting major. "That's what we're all about. We're Σ AE, and this is what we do."

Jason Adams
Mickey Anderson
Chad Badeaux
Shannon Beaver
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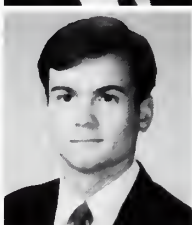
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Brad Floyd
Sean Floyd



Joel Frosch
Mark Graham
Brent Greenwald
Charles Greer
John Hancock
Josh Holder
Jason Horne



Josh Huff
Christopher Inman
Mack Jeffress
Daniel Jussely
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Angela Jones
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Angela Nicholson
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Leslie Rose
Stacey Smith
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Rebecca Waugh

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PRESERVING A STRONG FOUNDATION

Sigma Chi's basic Christian beliefs are shown through their strong focus on community service

by Melissa Dudley
and Missy Risher

Since the installation of the Theta Delta chapter of Sigma Chi on campus in 1981, it has been recognized as one of the top chapters in the nation.

The Sigma Chi International Fraternity was founded on basic Christian beliefs, and those beliefs are shown through their strong focus on community service.

Sigma Chi's biggest annual philanthropy project is Derby Days. This year the fraternity raised over

\$1,700 during the week-long schedule of events.

All money raised during the week benefits the Boys' and Girls' Club of Hattiesburg.

The majority of money is raised by the men of ΣΧ through the sales of ads for the program. Also, donations are taken at the door prior to the chorus line event.

Chorus line is one of the main events that drew a crowd of over 700 students.

The chorus line was one of the largest ever with all of the sororities participating. Each sorority presented a skit and competed for top honors.

Each sorority is given a coach to lead them through the chorus line event. The coaches' party on Friday allows the girls to dress up their coach for the coaches' competition.

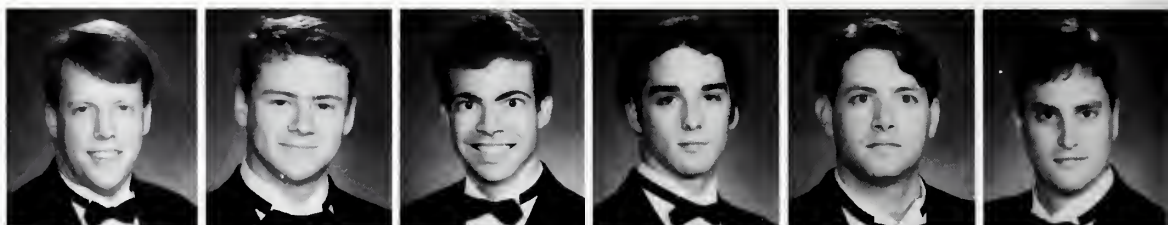
While the band takes a break, the coaches provide the entertainment.

The main event is the field day on Saturday. Youth from the Boys' and Girls' Club were invited out to compete in games such as the dizzy bat race and the egg toss.

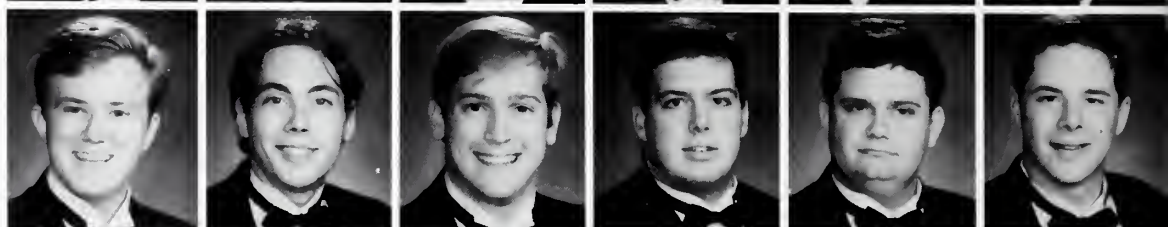
ΣΧ plans to continue scheduling Derby Days in the fall since this year was such a great success.

Sigma Chi President Jack Denton said, "This year's Derby Days had the best participation and enthusiasm I have ever seen."

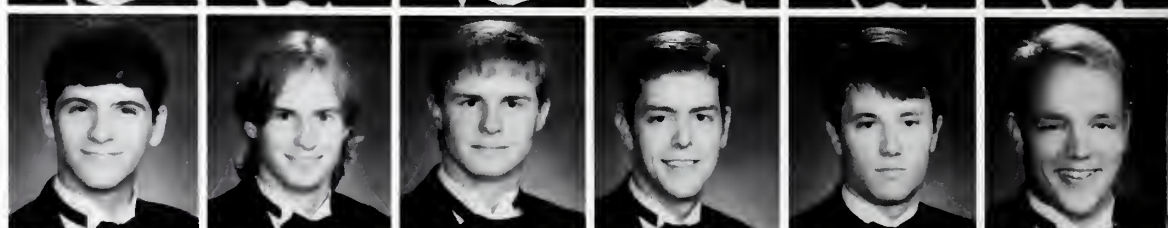
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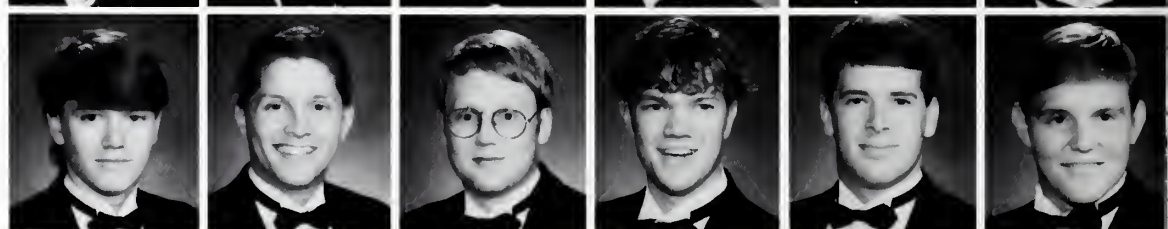
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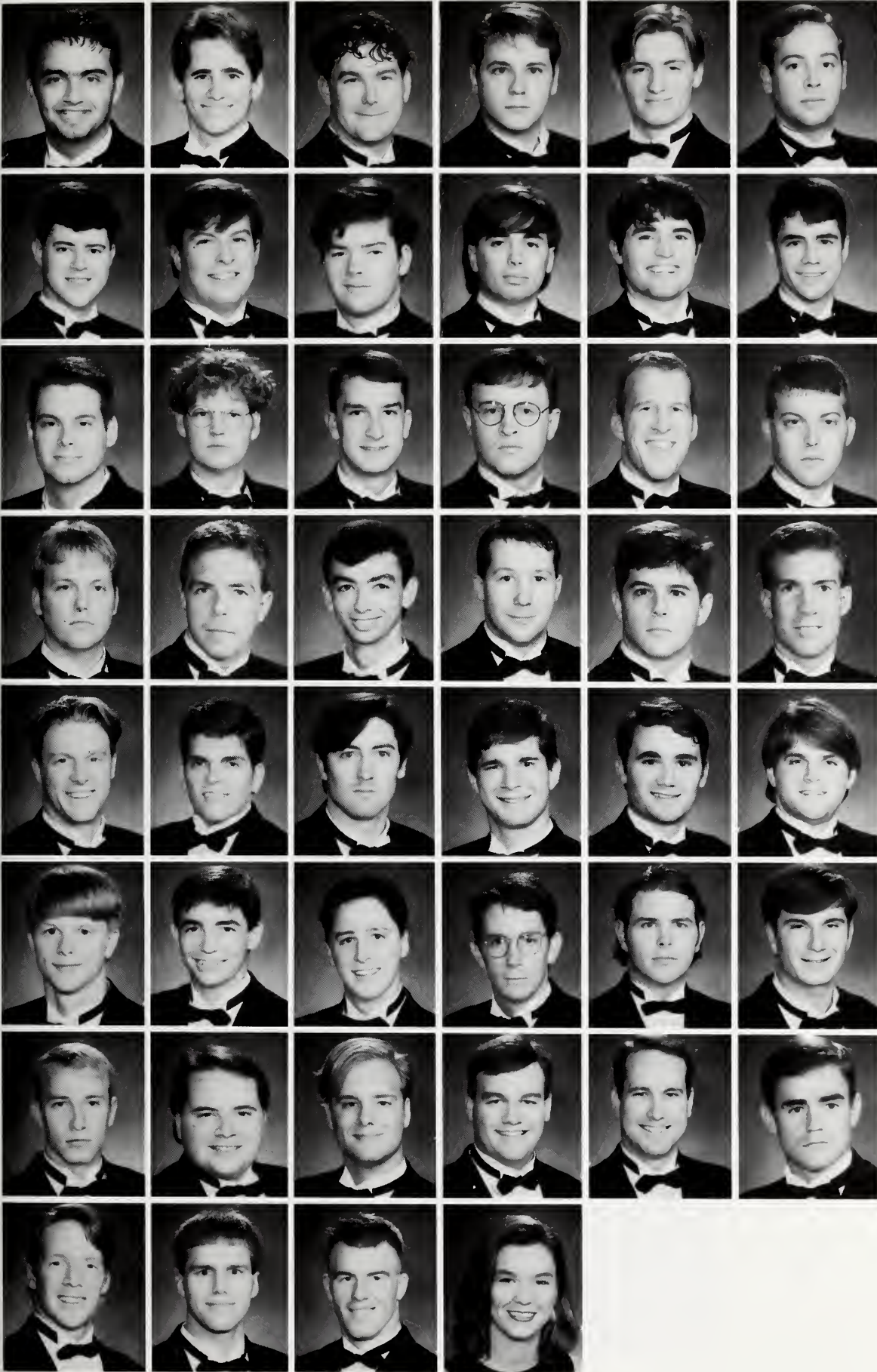
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 Richie Womack

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DEDICATED TO GOING THE EXTRA MILEE

Sigma Nu's Paintball '95 raises money for the Civitan Camp for children with mental disabilities

by Chris Dufour

The trees whip at your face as you rush through the woods, your weapon in hand. There are over a dozen people hiding behind the trees...waiting...hunting. One false move and... SPLAT!

You've just been tagged at Sigma Nu's Paintball '95 tournament to raise money for the Civitan Camp for children with mental disabilities.

"We're hard on community service," ΣN President Matthew Peale said. "This is

just our fall event. Coming up in the spring we have the Sigma Nu 3000 benefit for St. Jude Hospital. That's what makes us unique."

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of all the men in ΣN, Paintball '95 scored large donations from local businesses such as Rocket City Diner, Chesterfield's and Blockbuster Video. Radio stations, flyers and all other manner of media contributed to promoting the event.

"We brought in

some much-needed money for the Civitan Camp," said Jeremy Graves, paintball chairman. "Many mentally disabled children attend this camp, and they're constantly having to deal with old equipment that have worn-out settings. I think Paintball is going to make a real difference for them this year."

Of course, this is nothing new for the men of Sigma Nu. Going the extra mile is not just an admirable

goal for them, but it is also a constant reminder that sometimes the press overlooks the most genuine efforts.

"I think people who aren't involved in the Greek system at Southern need to look before they leap," Peale said. "All fraternities stand for something, and what makes Sigma Nu unique is that we strive for excellence in everything, not just community service or campus activities. We're involved in everything."

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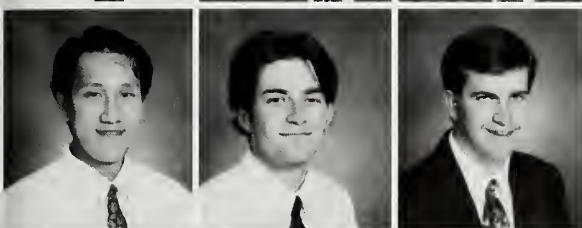
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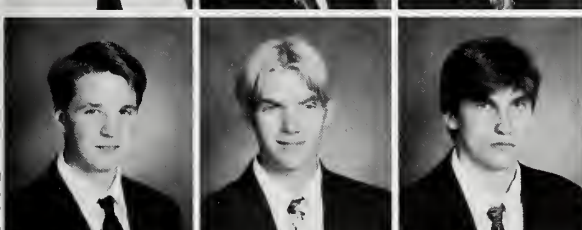
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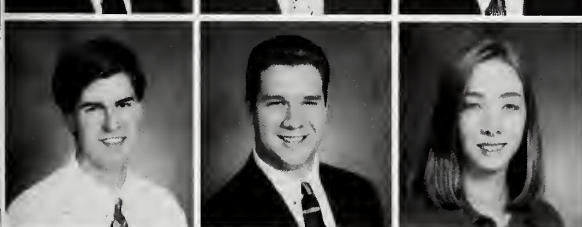
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Suzanne McDonald



Sheri Roberts
Jennifer Wilson

Sigma **Σ** Nu

BECOMING THE BEST

Sigma Phi Epsilon members work year round to excel in every aspect of Greek Life

by Britt Dunaway

The members of Sigma Phi Epsilon believe that greek life consists of more than just community service. They strive to inspire those around them through their sportsmanship, acceptance of challenges and by giving 110 percent to every effort.

In the fall, the fraternity awarded over \$1,500 in scholarship monies to incoming freshmen. These Balanced Man Scholarships are given to recipients re-

gardless of their Greek affiliation.

"We use funds from our social budget to provide the scholarships," said Mike Byrd, the Balanced Man Scholarship director for 1995. "They are given because we believe in a higher perfection to which we all should strive. This goal exists outside of drinking and partying; it exists in high morals."

Sigma Phi Epsilon jumped dramatically in the

rankings of every aspect of fraternal life. There have been improvements in chapter numbers, academics, intramural participation and philanthropy efforts. This positive motion has not gone unnoticed.

The fraternity was awarded Greek Life's Risk Management Award for 1995, Britt Dunaway earned the award of Outstanding IFC Delegate and the fraternity's support of the USM Athletic Department

earned them recognition in the spirit competition, including first place in the homecoming competition.

"The hardest part of success is that you've got to keep being a success," said member Brent Schulz. "We have come to realize that the only way to do this is to use each member's talents for the betterment of the whole. Every brother here has something special, otherwise they would not be part of Sigma Phi Epsilon."

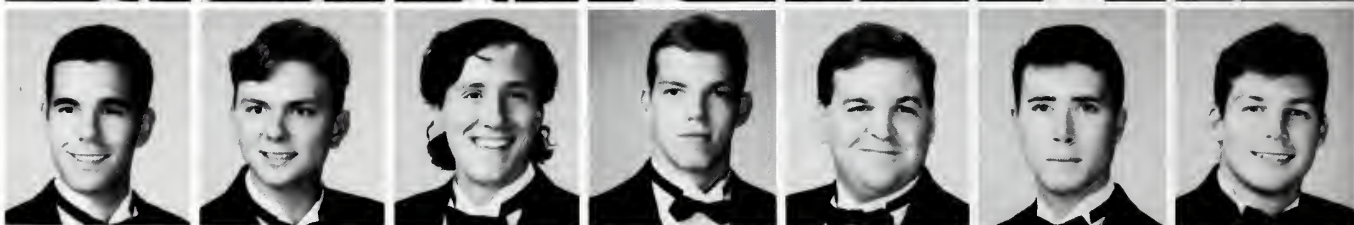
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Dave Bunker
Mike Byrd



Andrew Ciccarelli
Kris Drake
Craig Drez
John Dudley
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Britt Dunaway
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Shawn Fredrick
Jason Gibson
Paul Gilbert
Paul Gordon
Ross Gray
Ryan Green
Brian Hebler



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Kevin Killough
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Bryan Martin
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John Murphy
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Brad Stabile

Doug Stein
Bart Talley
Hiren Thadani
Gary Thiel
Tony Thomas

Allen Thompson
Jim Thompson
Scott Thompson
Kyle Thornton
Walter Trujillo

Jeff Walters
Randy Watts
Rocky Weileman
Garth Windham
Andy Wright

Max Zehner

Sigma Phi Epsilon



SOARING TOWARD EXCELLENCE

Tau Kappa Epsilon receives academic award at regional conference

by Henry Adams

This year was an exciting one for the Pi Psi chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon at USM.

The chapter was recognized for its excellence in academics by receiving the SOAR award at the Regional Leadership Conference in Houston in February. "We were very excited to learn that our chapter was one of only three chapters to receive this distinguished award," said President Charles Dickens.

Henry Adams became the first TKE to serve on the Interfraternity Council executive board when he was elected to serve as IFC secretary.

TKE members also participated in several philanthropic events. They collected money and clothing items for such groups as the Salvation Army and Special Olympics.

When not helping out in the community, TKEs like to relax and have fun.

This year, TKE held such events as the Trick or Teke party, Shaka Haole Hawaiian Luau and the Red Carnation Ball.

TKE also celebrated its 10th anniversary at USM. Throughout the past 10 years, members have strived to base their lives on the principles set by their founding fathers.

"The thing we are proudest of is the fact we look inside the person for who they are," Dickens said.

First and foremost, TKE stresses academic excellence. It also emphasizes diversity and individuality.

"As an international student from England, TKE has helped me to reach goals I would not have been able to reach back home," said member Phil Meadows.

Although TKE is not the largest fraternity on campus, its members still try to make a tremendous impact in the fraternal and community setting.

Henry Adams
Christian Bailey
Allen Bishop
Bill Bligh Jr.
Lee Boyles
Wyatt Bryson



Gary Corrente
Jason DeFranco
Charles Dickens
Kevin Downs
Hiro Futsu
Frank Gonzalez



Joshua Gordon
Eric Jude Hatcher
Jeffrey Kwiecien
Petch Lucas
Jason Oury
Adam Perry



William Richardson
Todd Sentilles
Dave Steward



Tau Kappa **TKE** Epsilon

TAKING IT TO A NEW LEVEL

Zeta Phi Beta presents "Stepping Against Drugs" at the Boys and Girls Club

by Christina Gates

As one of the four principles to abide by, service plays a major role in the lives of the women in Zeta Phi Beta.

Their involvements include the Adopt-a-School program, the Adopt-a-Highway program, Toys for Tots at Christmas and Special Olympics. That's just the tip of the iceberg.

Service is "important to show that we are not all about partying," said President Tiffany Buckley.

"We want to be well-rounded."

Members had ample opportunity to show just how serious they were about service. Traditional stepping was taken to a new level as the women took "Stepping Against Drugs" to the Boys and Girls Club of Hattiesburg.

A skit was put on which dramatized the effects of drugs on health and personality.

An anti-drug mes-

sage was also put into a step dance to finish the program. WDAM-TV chose to televise the event on their program *Teen Scene*.

The women will also begin to help with the teenage mother program at Pine Belt Mental Health and are planning visits to the Convarest Home of Hattiesburg.

"Each year we get better," said Sharon Turner, community service chairperson, "because there is always

something to do in the community."

The women also chose to revive an old tradition: Blue and White Weekend. The event was held Oct. 14-15, 1996. It started with a picnic at Kamper Park for all the Greek members on Friday night and ended with the step show on Saturday.

Through these many activities, ZΦB definitely makes itself known on campus as they continue to plan for future events.



Jan Adams
Valerie Alexander
Jewel Bell
Walisha Brown

Tiffany Buckley
Tauqa Davis
Sharonda Dottery
Tiffany Green

Regina Hairston
Claudette Jones
Georessica Saul
Adrena Smiley

Antoinette Stewart
Tiffany Taylor
Sharon Turner
Mary Williams

Zeta Phi Beta





Andrew Barlow
speaks with students
about the Rugby team
during the UAC organiza-
tional fair in the R.C.
Cook Union



Lisa Munsch

Visions of Groups & Organizations by Karon Clark *Success*

With over 200 student groups and organizations on campus, everyone has the opportunity to get involved in a variety of activities. Groups and organizations enhance the social lives of students and promote goodwill within the community. "Organizations give students with the same interests an opportunity to interact with each other," said Chandra Carr, a member of AASO.

One of an organization's primary goals is to provide extracurricular activities that coincide with students' academic endeavors. "Groups and organizations help to further educate the students and make them feel more comfortable on campus," said Ingrid Johnson, a sophomore medical technology major.

Students may earn nominations in such honor societies as Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Kappa Phi and Golden Key where they are recognized for their academic achievements.

Several organizations also interact with the community by participating in charitable events while enhancing their own sense of responsibility. VISION, Habitat for Humanity and Circle K are actively volunteering in the community to promote a better environment for society.

The members of today's organizations are the leaders of tomorrow, representing future nurses, builders, interior designers and architects as well as religious leaders, biologists, businessmen, musicians and educators.

Through their involvement, students are preparing for their own visions of success.



Fenicia Durr and Antoine Kelly, AASO members, re-enact the story of Clyde Kennard during the annual Clyde Kennard Week celebration.



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Abilities Unlimited strives to promote an awareness of and provide support for students with disabilities. Front row: Stacy Love, Allison Conn. Back row: Pierre Pucheu, Elizabeth Butler, Warren Dunn, adviser, Jackie Watts.



Alpha Epsilon Delta encourages and recognizes excellence in students preparing to enter the health field. Front row: Russell Thomas, Kathy Burns, Kelly Garcia, Jennifer Clark, Yvette McCall, Angela Baum, Tracey Fallin. Second row: Katie Fokakis, Shannon Stinson, Tonya Thompson, Tressie Alford, Jennifer Boudreaux, Barbara Snow, Amanda Miller. Back row: Paul Sykes, Harn-Cherng Shiue, Lisa Ciccirelli, Jason Beasley, Kedrienne Day, Felicia Fortner, Tara Galloway.



AASO officers: Kendrick Washington, president; Kenyatta Thompson, election commissioner; Angelia Packnett, secretary; Tracey Scott, vice president; Abe Hudson, treasurer.



The Afro-American Student Organization

by Reginald Taylor

Through creative programming and educational events, diverse students are

PROMOTING cultural AWARENESS

Afro-American Student Organization

On Dec. 4, 1968, the Afro-American Student Organization was founded for the purpose of the advancement of African-Americans and bringing people together in unity with other ethnic groups.

The Afro-American Student Organization has grown over the years to a membership of over 150 students. Membership is open to all students enrolled on campus, and alumni are also encouraged to participate.

"The AASO has helped me to become a stronger man," said Kendrick Washington, president of AASO. "It helps me to strive for goals, give back to the community and have a strong desire to work with people."

During the fall semester, the AASO held Clyde Kennard Week. AASO celebrates this occasion in honor of Kennard's struggle to attend USM. Members staged a re-enactment of Kennard's efforts to gain admittance to USM.

Bev Smith, a television personality for BET, was also on hand to discuss the roles of black men in today's society. Smith hosts a politically charged talk show for the network.

Adina Narcisse, graduate adviser for AASO, said, "We celebrate Clyde Kennard week annually because of the progress African-Americans have achieved over the years."

Kennard has opened new doors for African-Americans at USM. His hardships have encouraged young African-Americans to endure regardless of the situation.

Not only does AASO help young men, but it also helps young women. "I have been a part of the AASO for three years," said Cecili Greenwood, a cabinet member of AASO. "Because of this, I have a higher self-esteem, and the AASO helps me to have higher moral standards."



Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society promoting academic excellence during a student's freshman year. Front row: Katie Woods, Jennifer Tregre, Lolly Brewer, Jenny Prestridge, Erin McNeil, Laura McInnis, Robin Leggett, Danielle Thomas, Brigitte Decoreau, Kathy Burns, Russell Thomas. Second row: Susan Vanwick, Ingrid Johnson, Carletta Barnes, Chibira Patterson, Melinda King, Allison Burns, Amy Carrubba, Joy Hamilton, Lisa Ciccarelli, Angela Goodwin, Julie Jarrell, Lazare Bradley, Janel Chaix, Jennifer Sciorino, Michelle Roux. Back row: Britney Bush, Chris Singley, Sara Bartran, Sharyl Rigby, Barney Butler, Donald Campbell, Pennie Coleman, Jennifer Ellison, Leslie Walker.



American Marketing Association fosters scientific study and research in the field of marketing. Front row: Dr. William Schoell, adviser, Stephanie McCamon, Stacy Hooper, Rick Deaton, John Woodham, Teri Carter, Deborah Pittman, Jennifer Krause, Dolly Loyd, adviser. Back row: Tokie Onada, Tina Rudolph, Susie Sauditer, David Duncan, Bobby Wilkerson, Brian Houston, Theresa Mauney, Mimi Rogers, Rob Blount, Robert Harris.

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Cadet Major **Denise Shorb** and Cadet 3rd Class **Wendy Brown** raise the American Flag to start the 24-hour POW/MIA Vigil at Hattiesburg's War Memorial while Cadet Captain **Anne Shilstone** stands at attention.



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Angel Flight Front Row: Melanie Bradshaw, Jill Becnel, Kimberly Tromatore, Sandra Washington, Charlene Cox-vice commander, Jennifer Henderson-director of support, Tracy Churchwell-information management. Second Row: Rebecca Ogilvie, Claire Henley-director of training, Faith Jellyman-financial manager, Jennifer Ellison, Sabrina Vickers, Monique LeBlanc-commander. Back Row: Tabetia Quin-director of operations, Rhonda Cubitt, Karen Ryals, Amy Walsh, Jennifer Ingram, Aubin Deahl-chief of protocol, Jennifer Trimble.



AFROTC Arnold Air Society Front row: Melissa Fanara, Albert Peterson, Edward Gussman, Heather Smith, Anne Shilstone, Jennifer Becnel. Back row: Matt Snow, John Burnett, Wendy Brown, Henri VanGoethem, Denise Shorb.



by Wesley Thiel

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DEVELOPING leadership SKILLS *Air Force ROTC*

Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps is the oldest and largest source of commissioned officers for the United States Air Force. The program is open to both undergraduate and graduate students.

AFROTC introduces students to the Air Force and to military customs, courtesies, organizations and procedures. Additionally, it provides those who qualify the opportunity to earn a commission as second lieutenants in the United States Air Force.

"It's really great professionally as well as socially," said Henri VanGoethem, a senior computer science major. "It also pays for everything for all four years of college."

Freshmen and sophomores are enrolled in the General Military Course where they are taught drill and ceremonies, wearing of the uniform, Air Force and military history, and communication skills.

After completing the GMC, cadets attend field training encampment during the summer between their sophomore and junior year. Field training provides cadets with an intense period of training in officership skills as well as flight orientation, survival training, athletic competition and Air Force career orientation.

After completing their field training, cadets are enrolled in the Professional Officers Course. As a member of the POC, each cadet is given the opportunity to gain leadership experience by holding various advanced positions within the cadet corps.

"It has given me a great deal of self-esteem and the ability to lead large groups of people," said James Donkin, a senior deaf education major.



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Drill Team: Front row: Fred Vinet, Albert Peterson, Edward Gussman, Heather Smith, Anne Shilstone, Jennifer Becnel; Back row: John Burnett, Perry Landrum, Denise Shorb, Wendy Brown, Henri VanGoethem.

Recruiting Team: Front Row: Bertha Fleming, Melissa Fanara, Albert Peterson, Kristi Jones, Heather Smith, Anne Shilstone; Back Row: James Donkin, John Burnett, Wesley Thiel, Denise Shorb, Wendy Brown, Henri VanGoethem





Master Sergeant **Jim Brown** instructs cadets in land navigation during *Warrior Weekend* field training exercises at Camp Shelby National Guard Base.



Cadre: Front row - Lt. Col. Ben F. Young Jr., Ms. Lenise Young, TSgt. Wayne Cox, Lt. Col. Joseph Nastasi. Back row - Lt. Jennifer Morgan, Capt. Philip Byrd, MSgt. Ken Melton.



POC's: Front row - Perry Landrum, Robert Edwards, Kristen Jones, Stacy Wild, Melissa Fanara, Anne Shilstone, Stacey Shannon, Fred Vinet, Mickey Evans. Back row - Thomas Territt, Denise Shorb, Joe Blackwell, Henry VanGoethem, Wesley Thiel, John Burnett, Robert Thaxton, Robert Garrison, James Donkin.



by Wesley Thiel

*By providing
opportunities
to its members
through
campus
activities,
AFROTC is*

GOING beyond TRAINING

Air Force ROTC

AFROTC is not just about studying and training. There are numerous opportunities throughout the year for cadets to participate in AFROTC as well as university sponsored activities.

During the fall semester, cadets sell souvenirs at all USM home football games, play in the annual Turkey Bowl football game against Army ROTC, participate in a 24-hour POW/MIA vigil in downtown Hattiesburg, and attend Warrior Weekend at nearby Camp Shelby. The cadet wing is also well represented by teams in all intramural sports and activities.

During the spring semester, cadets sell souvenirs at USM home basketball games, attend a formal military dinner/dance, and take a trip to an Air Force base to observe first hand a job they may have in the future.

Another significant event that occurs in the spring is the annual awards day ceremony. This ceremony recognizes the most outstanding cadets from both the GMC and POC with individual and group awards.

In conjunction with the university commencement exercises each semester, those members of the POC who have successfully completed their degree requirements and the AFROTC program are commissioned as second lieutenants. This ceremony is the culminating point of a cadet's participation in the AFROTC program and marks their entry into active duty in the United States Air Force.

Junior business major Kristin Jones values the experience she has gained from AFROTC. "It gives me the opportunity to apply the leadership skills I've been taught over the years," Jones said.



AFROTC Front row Laketa Bradley, Temeka Franklin, Kim Murray, Samantha James, Stacey Shannon, Amiee Cox, Albert Peterson, Christie Scott, Tina Cepeda, Jennifer Herron, Heather Smith, Teresa Warman, Fred Vinet, Second row Robert Edwards, Kristen Jones, Melissa Fanara, Anne Shilstone, Stacy Wild, Bertha Fleming, Jennifer Becnel, Edward Gussman, Norris Jackson, Eugene Utman, Joseph Blackwell, Third row Denise Shorb, Perry Landrum, Robert Thaxton, Richard Harper, Henn VanGoethem, Wendy Brown, Matthew Snow, Bryan Culpther, Robert Garrison, Mickey Evans, Back Row Chris Covington, James Rayner, Thomas Territ, Wesley Thiel, James Donkin, Bill Bell, Karl Bombich, John Burnett, Matthew Blackwell.



Seniors: Front Row Melissa Fanara, Stacy Wild, Denise Shorb, Back Row Wesley Thiel, John Burnett, James Donkin.

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An early-morning march past the polymer science building before sunrise proves that the Army ROTC does more before 6 a.m. than most people do all day.



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Rangers: Front row: Allan Boudreaux, Luis Gonzalez. Second row: Yolanda Addison, David Lovorn, Rob Bourne, Jason Morris, Gene Cummins. Back row: Milton Addison, Eric McCrancy, David Pruitt, Jason Penatt, Rich Ouellette



Headquarters Company: Front row: Kyle Head, David Lovorn, Rob Bourne, Michael Karamales, Joe Cranfield, Sonjagela Johnson. Second row: Bobby Lee Sadler, Lee Henry, Jason Ferrill, Troy White. Back Row: Jason Byrd, Jeff Hilt, David Pruitt, Derrick Johnson, John Janney.

by Reginald Taylor

By developing
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skills on
campus,
students are
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TOMORROW'S officers TODAY

Army ROTC

The Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps prepares USM students for future service as officers of the United States Army. The Army ROTC is primarily a classroom program with opportunities for the cadets to participate in extracurricular activities and organizations.

The goal of the Army ROTC program is to seek out students with potential and leadership qualities and develop them.

The organization promotes leadership, discipline and self-confidence to students. Graduates of Army ROTC are leaders, problem solvers and decision makers. "The Army ROTC helps me to manage my time and money," said Keith Wilson, a cadet in the ROTC program.

This year, Army ROTC had 150 members. These members express that the Army ROTC wants them to reach for their utmost goals. "When I first entered the Army ROTC, I thought I would not survive; however, with patience and determination, I discovered I could do anything," said Angelia Packnett, member of the Army ROTC. Army ROTC challenges students on a mental basis as well as a physical basis. They prepare students for difficult, complex problems.

There are many functions the Army ROTC participated in this year. They traveled to Vicksburg where they visited the historic battlegrounds. Also, they attended a Viking Quest. Army ROTC supports the football and basketball teams with program and ticket sales during home games.

Of course, Army ROTC is a serious matter, but having fun is a part as well. "We do not want to overbear the students with battle training and classroom lectures, but we want to have fun, too," said Lt. Howard Jones, Gold Bar recruiter. Some activities they had this year included the Spring Ball and a spring canoe trip.

In Army ROTC, students are taught to serve mankind. In order for students to serve mankind, they must be taught about values and high moral character. Students must present themselves as examples to the public with high confidence. Jones talks about confidence and its importance in the ROTC training. "Students' perspective allows for high confidence in later life," Jones said. "This is a valuable course; it not only helps with self confidence, but it helps with career purposes as well."



Cadre: Front row: SGM Eddie Lee, Marie Dodd, Dorothy Williamson, Becky Tew, LTC James Daly; Back Row: MAJ Richard Little, 2LT Ray Shoemaker, SGT Solomon Shird, CPT Timothy Rey, SSG Walter Kist, CPT Douglas Bunner, MAJ Henry Gallant.



Army ROTC: Front row: Johnny McLemore, Jeffrey Kwiecien, Angie Long, Dale Corcoran, Rolanda McCarty; Second row: Jennifer Broome, Darius Hawthorne, Jason Morris, Roshun Robinson, Janice McLaughlin; Back row: Keith Wilson, John Bezou, Albert Butler, Travis Landry, Eric McCraney.



Training Company: Front row: Adil Elnour, Joy Wilson, Christy Hill, Luis Gonzalez, Yolanda Addison, Jason Periat, Yvette Lachute, Marcus Morgan, Michael Rhodes; Second row: Kendra Holcomb, Shanna Spears, Angelia Packnett, Melissa Barrett, Milton Addison, Daniel Broussard, Tyesha Walker; Back row: John Moore, Robert Hanley, Jamie White, Lawrence Fowler, Rich Ouellette, Kendrick Cager, Roderick Pittman, Jermaine McCord, Allan Boudreaux, Gene Cummins, Trent Penny, Bryan Ferguson, John Stansbury.



Scabbard and Blade: Front row: Kendra Holcomb, Joy Wilson, Jamie White, Christy Hill, Jennifer Broome, Jason Byrd, Daniel Broussard; Back row: Troy White, Bobby Lee Sadler, Derrick Johnson, Ken Vaughn, Kyle Head, Jeff Hilt, Trent Penny, David Pruitt.





Adrian Hester and Nicole Walters hand out inspirational tracts at the Chi Alpha booth in the Union.



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Association of Baptist Students provides traditional religious fellowship. ASB is student-led and Missionary Baptist funded. Mark Windham, vice president, Cal Floyd, graduate adviser, Adriane Medenwald, secretary, Marty Windham, president.



Beta Beta Beta is a society for students in the biological sciences. Front row: Allison Wilson, Michelle Hill, Kristine Willis, Lisa Ciccirelli, Susie Durel, Katie Fokakis, Allison Burns, Robert Jones. Second row: Jennifer Bertucci, Melyssa Davis, Barbara Snow, Tracy Fallin, Amanda Miller, Michele Copello. Back row: Aimee Thomas, Aimee Hocutt, Jason Beasley, Vivienne Lochhead, Sara McKellip.



Chi Alpha Officers Brian Houston, president; Bryan Wilson, adviser, Kristi Cook, secretary/treasurer; Nicole Walters, vice president.



Chi Alpha Members Front row: Mary Kay Boudreaux, Nicole Walters, Kristi Cook, Brian Houston; Back row: Jonathan Spears, John Sample, Bryan Wilson, Chris Jones.



Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest honor for a business student in American colleges and universities. Front row: Heather Suddith, Christina Jackson, Alise Petty, Kelly Ruthmire, Charlene Cox; Back row: Sigrun Schubert, Dr. William Sackley, adviser; Donald Schneider, Corey White, Peter Castelluccio.

by Christina Gates

By promoting
worship,
discipleship
and prayer
on campus,
the members of
Chi Alpha are

FOSTERING community FELLOWSHIP

Chi Alpha

Chi Alpha is a national organization of students in higher education who unite to express the person and claims of Jesus Christ to campus communities and to call others into relationship with Him.

"No booze, no dues, just Jesus" is the motto of the organization who claims "it's not all Greek to us" on fliers posted around campus. The main goal of the organization is to promote a community of worship, prayer, discipleship, fellowship and witness.

"I found in Chi Alpha there is a reflection of love, real love, that people do care and take an interest in each other," said President Brian Houston.

Every Thursday night the organization participates in singing, worship and Bible study. More importantly, they gather for fellowship. Member John Sample, a freshman math major, said, "It's fun spending time with folks who believe the way you do."

Other activities of Chi Alpha include sponsoring a Christian book table in the Union with religious information available, involvement with international students, working with Habitat for Humanity, mission trips, cookouts and Student Activist Leadership Training.

SALT is a conference of seminars concerning issues that affect today's college students. Chi Alpha sends representatives every year to Alabama during the Christmas holidays to attend the conference and bring back information to the campus.

Chi Alpha provides a safe haven for its members. It gives them a sense of family. These are just a few examples of how Chi Alpha is a positive Christian outreach on the USM campus.



Catholic Student Association offers students a chance to grow spiritually through enriching activities. Front row: Beth Lafferty, Sheth Aultman, Amiee Cox, Tony Behan, Brigitte Decoteau, Allison Conn, Gina Alfonso, Jennie Bertucci, Jennifer Herron, Sr. Annette Seymour; Second row: Vanya Ljiljak, Ed Edlinski, Jennifer DuBois, Patrick Heating, Kelly Garcia, Wesley Moody, Beth Faherty, Christina Gates, Yvette LaChute; Back row: Philip Wright, Sheila O'Dwyer, Brett Netto, Garrett Doucet, Anna Welch, David Hilton

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Gamma Beta Phi members entertain the children of Pinehaven during the Thanksgiving arts and crafts session. Working with the Pinehaven children is one of the main objectives of Gamma Beta Phi this year.



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Chi Tau Epsilon is a national dance honor society that promotes a greater appreciation of modern dance as an art form. Front row: Kellye White, Cora Schexnayder, Shellie Hubbard. Second row: Misty Schoen, Kristin Pineau, Jessica Jackson, Suzanne Stack, Jessica Martin, Suzi Traylor. Back row: Kelly Wolfe, Heather Clary, Tara Rogers.



Criminal Justice Association promotes interaction among criminal justice majors and practitioners within the field. Front row: Alana Banks, Athena Lavin, Quiana Claiborne, Fredaca Singleton, Shanquilla Taylor. Back row: Chris Stokes, Jeff Stewart, Jack Brown, Ray Loftin, Scott McGuire.

by David Taylor

Through
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ΓΒΦ has
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COMBINING scholarship AND SERVICE *Gamma Beta Phi*

For new members, Gamma Beta Phi begins as an honor society. The organization recognizes those students in the top 20 percent in each class.

Soon after initiation, though, the group devotes its full abilities to the community. The society works as a service organization.

"To provide community service, we need the help of organizations," said Tom Schnaubelt, coordinator of the Volunteer Resource Center. "Gamma Beta Phi has been one of those organizations. They came knocking on my door and have been a great help since then."

The group's activities are numerous. They collect toys for Ellisville State School and carol to nursing home residents at Christmas. This fall they also walked in the Heart Association Walk-a-Thon.

Literacy is a special project for Gamma Beta Phi. Members tutor students at Thames Elementary School. Also, they visit Pinehaven regularly where they host reading sessions, play games and lead arts and crafts projects with the children.

Gamma Beta Phi is also very active on campus. It is a host group at football and basketball games, promoting Eagle Pride by handing out pompons and rootin' rags.

During the spring semester, members showed their appreciation to the faculty and staff by distributing over 250 goodie bags.

Also during the spring, new members are inducted. As many as 400 students will be invited to join. To remain members, they must maintain high academic standards and participate in the service projects.

"It is a very big service organization," said Liz Caviness, a junior deaf education major and member. "Because of my experiences here, I've learned to work better with others."



Gamma Beta Phi Officers: Front row: Amanda Boyles, treasurer, Trisha Wages, reporter; Back row: Kristen Karchnick, secretary; Chris Moss, president; Heather Hirschfeld, vice president.



Gamma Beta Phi Members Front row: Amanda Brown, Mabelle Rader, Jenny Prestridge, Erin McNeil, Tiffany Graves, Mary Greene, Angela Baum, Lisa Ciccarelli, Megan King, Cora Schexnayder, Heather Palmer, Carole Bass, Lashae Bradley, Susan Rice, Brigitte Decoteau, Charlette Burney, Allison Wilson, Jennifer Clark, Rebecca Humins; Second row: Kristen Breland, Leslie Porter, Laura McInnis, Kerri Provenza, Gretchen Zehender, Tracy Fallin, Amy Carrubba, Amanda Miller, Susan Vanwick, Jennifer Wilson, Michelle Hill, Mindy Schultz, Misty Schultz, Paula Granger, Michele Copello, Crystal Dingli, Cynthia Tabor, Amber Manus, Barbara Snow; Back row: Peter Castelluccio, Amanda Boyles, Trisha Wages, Jennifer Krause, Wes Cannon, Jason Beasley, Heather Berke, Brittney Rush, Heather Hirschfeld, Kristen Karchnick, Chris Moss, Jennifer Ellison, Julie Myrick, Brian Houston, Heather Cuddith, John Shores, Kenny Christensen, Tressie Alford, Tonya Thompson, Debbie Burdeaux



Data Processing Management Association is for students interested in the use of computers in a business environment. Front row: Valerie Alexander, Dionne Warnsley, Ngoc Lien, treasurer; Dejuana Burkes, Henry Quong, Cynthia Burns; Back row: Charlene Pace, secretary; Ricardo Rodriguez, Martha Lee, vice president; Felicia Watts, Dr. Donna Davis, adviser; Angela White, Michael Gregory, Tra Stovall, Darryl Bardwell, Dexter Ellzey, Andrew Howard, Steven Bauer, Darrin Tolar, president.



Diamond Darlings assist and support the baseball team. Front row: Kelly Powell, Tanya Moore, Enn Williams, Julie Barnes; Second row: Jennifer Magee, Lisa Davis, Megan McNeil, Paige Prince, Kim Lambert, Jaralea Oulliber, Amanda Moore, Heather Adams, Tiffany Folse, Heather Register, Alissa Lama; Third row: Melanie Albaral, Adnane Medenwald, Nicol Powell, Ken Powell, Kern Green, Michelle Turk, Michelle Seall, Jennifer DeLuca, Amy Parden, Tiffany Morris, Shelley Putnam, Courtney Venable, Laura Ford; Back row: Jennifer Carlson, Melinda King, Carla Smith, Robin Ranson, Heather Burke, Ginny Rayborn, Heather King, Joy Roberts, Trisha Wages, Courtney Abshier, Jill Brown, Brandy Staham, Allyson Robinson, Bethany Boyles, Johnna Whitaker, Sarah Daniell



GLBSO members gather for one of their regular organizational meetings. The organization offers support and a sense of family to its members.



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Eagle Connection provides a student's perspective of life at USM during recruitment efforts by working with the USM Office of Recruitment and Orientation. Front row: Julie Jarrell, Amanda Gambrell, Andi Chappell, Rebecca Timmins, Tomika Harris. Back row: Caryn Watkins, Andrew Ciccirelli, Rickey Jones, adviser, Mark Spiers, Marcus Kincaid.



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Eta Sigma Gamma assists students majoring in Health Administration. Front row: Randall Strange, Robert Filipczak, Emmanuel Ahua, adviser, Bob Dent, secretary, Benjamin Graham. Second row: Monique McCleery, president, Elizabeth Butler, Sasha Smith. Back row: Beth Keyser, treasurer, Charles Freeman.



GLBSO Officers: Heather Murray, secretary; Mark Lambert, John Reynolds, Freddy Jones, president.



GLBSO Members: Front row: Kevin Vukovich, Mark Lambert, Jennifer Dooley, Freddy Jones, Ty McCearley; Back row: Michael Perronne, John Reynolds, Heather Murray, James Hale, Robert Maynard.

by Danielle Thomas

By providing support and participating in campus events, GLBSO members are taking an active role in educating

STUDENTS ON alternative LIFESTYLES GLBSO

The Gay, Lesbian and Bi-Sexual Organization has been active at USM for the past four years. It has contributed to campus diversity by educating both gay and straight people.

"Our purpose is to educate people about the gay lifestyle," President Freddy Jones said, "and provide support for those coming out of the closet."

The GLBSO provides a sense of community and a feeling of belonging to its members. It's a place where they can feel free to express their thoughts and opinions without worry of ridicule.

"People think homosexuality is just about sex and that's not true," said Heather Murray, a pre-social work major. "The truth is a lesbian wants the same thing as a heterosexual woman: to be pursued, get to know someone and be romanced."

Each year, GLBSO raises money for a different charity. Through its fundraiser, Transitional Stages, they donated funds to HACK, a support group for HIV patients.

On Oct. 11, GLBSO celebrated National Coming Out Day along with people all over the world.

"We had a coming out party where people who were gay and hadn't told anyone could come out," Jones said. "We had about 100 people."

Coming out can be a difficult experience especially when one fears the reaction of family and friends.

"We don't try to force people to come out because it is a very hard thing to do because of friends and family," Jones said.

The group holds panel discussions in the residence halls, for organizations and interest groups where curious people can ask any questions regarding things they don't understand.

"I see the effects of our work through the panels," Murray said. "We try to make ourselves visible so people realize that homosexuals are in the community."



Gamma Alpha Epsilon is an honor society for Greek students who rank in the top three percent of their college. Front row: Rebecca Timmins, Sara McKellip, Gretchen Zehender, Ryan Lowe, Kara Fleming, Nicole Lally, Barbara Snow, Amanda Sherman, Clara Saafir, Monica Lewis; Second row: Leslie Walker, Matthew Tabor, Gia Harris, Julie Barnes, Charlotte Denton, Margaret Ross, Sharon Slater, Jennifer James; Back row: Chris Singley, Hiren Thadani, Mark Spiers, Britt Dunaway, Ashley Green, adviser.



Gold Tenders assists and supports the men's basketball program. Front row: Jowana Wilson, LaTonya Robinson, Bonnie Stanton, Karren Evans, Alana Banks, Laterica Hudson. Back row: Lorieen Jackson, Chaserie Coleman, Patsy Crisler, Gerry Blake, Chandrae Tenzy, Jeanette Williams.

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Greek Seekers Kirk Huggins, ΔΓ, and Carr Murphy, ΦΜ, keep the phone lines busy recruiting high school students to participate in Greek Fest.



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Golden Key Honor Society



David Massing

Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to eliminating poverty housing and homelessness. The chapter is composed of people of many races and faiths who work closely with the Hattiesburg area chapter on local projects. Front row: Holly Graham, public relations; Ellen Hauck, Faith Jellyman, treasurer; Lysterly Burke. Back row: David Marchman, faculty adviser; Tressie Alford, president; Melissa Thompson, DaLinda Beasley, Brett Collins, Harn-Cherng Shiue.



Greek Seekers officers: Nicole Lally, corresponding secretary; Jennifer Marciani, public relations director; Jennifer Cousins, president; Nicole Horn, high school relations director.



Greek Seekers members: Front row: Ryan Lowe, Erin Williams, Nicole Lally, Monique Young, Chanda Caillouet, Lacey Ziegler, Kim Mason, Jennifer Cousins, Julie Jarrell, Leslie Walker, Mary Langley; Back row: Sean Burke, Cati Diamond, Scott Mullen, Alice Miller, Byron Brown, Michael Ennis, Hiren Thadani.



Honors Student Association plans activities for Honors College students and represents USM at all honors conferences. Front row: Jennifer Ellison, Jennifer Clark, Stacy Booth, Felicia Brown, Christina Jackson, Danielle Thomas, Alison Hardoun, Kathy Burns, Leslie Walker; Second row: Craig Collier, Kristine Willis, Michelle Hill, Susan Vanwick, Donna Turpin, Kelly Garcia; Third row: Greg Brust, Sam-Cheng Shiu, Lee Quinton, Mike Renault, Dave Johnson, Kamini Bhakta, Brooks Moore, David Taylor; Back row: Bobby Siggins, Carol Hughes, Donald Campbell, Jon Anderson, Kenny Stevens, Jennifer Ellison, Paul Sykes, Russell Thomas.

by Abigayle C. Farris

DISCOVERING future CAMPUS LEADERS

Greek Seekers

The Greek Seekers is a relatively new recruiting organization on campus. Each year, members help USM recruiters attract the students that will hopefully become the future of the Greek system at USM as well as the future of the university itself.

"We first and foremost recruit for USM," said Mary Langley, Greek Seekers president. "They can't go greek if they're not here first."

The Greek Seekers, who number more than 30 and represent almost every Greek letter organization on campus, go on recruiting trips planned by the Office of Recruitment. Last year, the Greek Seekers brought over 300 potential freshmen to USM for Greek Fest alone. They travel as far as Florida and Tennessee to visit high schools where potential USM students can be found. They are educated by the university approximately twice a month so they can answer the questions asked by these high school students.

Langley said the organization is particularly successful because of the ages of its members. "We have a good rapport with high school students," she said. The Greek Seekers can relate more closely with the problems, frustrations and confusion of choosing a university.

The Greek system is a part of campus life that many potential students look forward to participating in, but there is also a great number of people who know very little about fraternity or sorority life. To help inform both groups, the Greek Seekers make it a point to show what greek life at USM is all about.

Melissa Pace, one of the first Greek Seekers at USM, said the organization tries to show potential students the purpose of the Greek system as well as an accurate view of life as a USM greek. "We want to let potential students see what the Greek system is all about so they can come to USM without any preconceived notions," Pace said. "We let them see firsthand."



Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers promotes the development of electrotechnology and allied sciences. Front row: James Murphy, adviser, Mickey Gilmore, chairman, Royce Hathaway, treasurer, Wayne Miller, secretary; Tim Edwards, vice chairman; Second row: Shelton Houston, Jase McCarty, Greg Thompson, Jim Mayfield, Scott Neal, Bob Feigenblatt, Guy Nelson; Back row: Stephen Adams, Kamal Ali, Gary Johnson, Cecil Harrison.



International students from Japan teach a game native to their country to visitors at the International Fair co-sponsored by the ISO and UAC.



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Kappa Mu Epsilon is a mathematics honor society. Front row: Leighia Lynn, Alicia Robinson, Jennifer Kyzar. Back row: Jay Theriot, Tamarah Murley, president, Hristijan Todorov.



Meridian Campus Nursing Students are RN's who have returned to school to obtain their baccalaureate degree. Front row: Lisa Thornhill, Lee Sande, Kim Johnson, Myrna Dean, Sharon Davis, Pat Gautreaux; Second row: Angela McDonald, Kimbra Lawson, Gayle Mosby, Beverly Johnson; Third row: Teresa Ford, George Nelson; Back row: Arlene Jackson, Stacey Reece, Sheila Rigdon, Brigitte Singley.



International Students Officers Leala Vaughn, president, Sergio Altamirano, treasurer, Sayantan Ganguly, secretary, Lucy Yaneth Solano, public relations director.



International Students Association members Front row: Leala Vaughn, Sergio Altamirano, Sayantan Ganguly, Lucy Yaneth Solano, Binita Patel, Mohammad Al-Khafji, Vijaya Kadapa, Paju Patel, Nadiyah Elias, Tomoko Kakazu; Second row: Jose Alberto Orsi, Lubin Lewis, Seiichiro Ikeda, Faisal Rashid, Ivana Grofileova, Fabiola Gulino, Paul McKenzie, Steven Rowe, Rosalba Esparragoza Scott, Salgado Chavarria; Back row: Edgar Rogers, Sven Fernandez, Anand Mokati, Shazi Iqbal, Angshuman Chakraborty.



Omicron Delta Kappa Outstanding Freshman Women: Front Row: Nicol Powell, Cherie Boudreaux, Kelly Garcia; Back Row: Danielle Daigle, Most Outstanding Freshman Female; LaTonya Robinson, Maria Smith.

by Nellie Kelly

Through cultural education and interaction, the ISO has become a group of

GLOBALLY thinking STUDENTS

International Students Organization

The members of the International Student Organization at USM view themselves as friends who, despite their cultural differences, have a lot in common. The 150 members, primarily from foreign countries, joined the club to interact with students from other cultures.

"I like people," said Semih Doseyciler of Turkey, vice president. "That's just the way I am. I want to know their culture, customs and gestures because that's what I'm interested in."

Several American students also belong to the organization. "I view meeting students from other countries as part of my education," said Melinda Gribkov, an athletic training major from Jackson. "Learning about their countries and languages is really fascinating. Having friends around the world has encouraged me to travel more."

"For us, the Americans are international, too," Doseyciler said. "It's important that we meet Americans and that they meet us, just as it's important that our members from Asia, Latin America, the Middle East and Turkey know each other."

Some members of the club are students in the English Language Institute. These students come to the United States with very limited language skills.

"When I first came, I didn't know the language, and I didn't know any people here," Doseyciler said. "But about a week after I arrived, I attended an international party. That night I met more than a hundred new people and made several friends."

The International Student Organization also works in spreading peace and understanding when the students return home. Doseyciler said that individuals from countries which may not be allies often become close friends in the club.

The organization's activities include meetings every Friday, monthly parties, bowling, weekend trips and recognizing Teacher Appreciation Day.



Omicron Delta Kappa Outstanding Freshman Men: Front Row: David Johnson, Michael Webb, Gregory Doss; Back Row: Harn-Cheng Shiue, Robert Siggins, Robert Sanders, Most Outstanding Freshman Male

Missy Risher





Lambda Sigma members stuff care packages full of lots of goodies before delivering them to freshmen in their residence halls.



Order of Omega is a honorary association of outstanding fraternity and sorority members. Front row: Lollie Vaughan, Tom Shoemaker, adviser Jeff Bankston. Back row: Kim Mason, Morgan Paisley, Leslie Walker, Scott McIlwain.



P.A.C.E.R.S. A Program of Assistance, Counseling, Education and Resources for Students. Front row: Kelley McGuire, Susan Rice, Shelley Williams, John Onate, Annett Thayer, Joy Hamilton, Heidi Mire, Kelly Nastasi, Laura Ford, Courtney Zito. Second row: William Onate, Charles Freeman, Sharon Slater, Kara Fleming, Carol Reed, Natasha Hall, Leighia Lynn, Angie White, Allison Burns, Mike Mattina. Back row: Tom Welsh, adviser, Scott Angle, Jeff Gray, Amy Baungartner, Jana Bunkley, Nancy Poindexter.



Lambda Sigma officers: Amanda Gambrell, secretary; Brooks Moore, vice president; Barbara Ross, adviser.



Lambda Sigma members Front row: David DeBlasio, Michelle Hill, Robin Leggett, Jennifer Richards, Megan King, Angela Jones, Laura McInnis, Danielle Thomas, Kathleen Burns; Second row: Amanda Gambrell, Katie Woods, Joy Hamilton, Jamie Jones, Amy Carrubba, Ursula Miller, Kerri Provenza, Andrew Grayson, Barbara Ross, adviser; Back row: Angela Barns, Brandi Jones, Melinda King, Jackie Anderson, Abe Hudson, Lisa Ciccirelli, Jennifer Ellison, Julie Jarrell, Liza Ward, Brooks Moore.



P.A.C.E.R.S. Officers: Front row: Heidi Mire, treasurer; Annett Thayer, vice president. Back row: Joy Hamilton, secretary; Debra Carr, adviser; John Onate, president.

by Jamie Hatch

Through their activities, leadership and hard work, $\Lambda\Sigma$ members are dedicated to

THE HIGHEST scholarly STANDARDS

Lambda Sigma

Lambda Sigma, the sophomore honor society, bases its standards on leadership and scholarship. Members portray the organization's high standards of dedication through their activities, leadership skills and hard work.

Lambda Sigma helped out the United Way, went grocery shopping for the elderly in Hattiesburg and assisted in the Salvation Army bell ringing at Christmas.

The organization also sends care packages to freshmen students. Elisabeth Broussard, a sophomore biology/pre-vet major and president of Lambda Sigma, said, "The care packages were a lot of fun because we all got to stuff them and deliver them to the freshmen."

In November, several members attended the national convention in Lexington, Ky. Also, in December, Lambda Sigma adopted a mother and her two children and brought them food and toys. Broussard enjoyed the experience because it was "really exciting."

Many skills are learned during the time members serve, and they have these skills to draw from the rest of their lives. Members go on to hold positions of leadership elsewhere on campus. "As president, it has made me learn how to take control of things," Broussard said. She also said she has gained valuable experience in learning how to be organized.

Members are chosen through a long process of applications, informal meetings and formal interviews. After reviewing the final interviews, 35 students are chosen to serve for a one-year term.

With a 3.0 or higher grade point average, Lambda Sigma is one of several honor societies on campus. "It is really one of the most prestigious honor societies you can get into," Broussard said.



Peers Educating Peers is a group of students promoting health education and wellness among their peers. Front row: Prasant Desai, Tonya Thompson, Shelonda Phillips, Becky Criswell, Sasha Smith, Robyn Sutton, adviser. Back row: Stacy Tucker, graduate adviser; Britt Dunaway, Melissa Dudley, Amy Walsh, Daphne Mallett, Nancy Rabalais.

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Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia members host a reception after a concert.



David Messing

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Peers-Student Health Advocacy Committee serves as a liaison between the clinic and the student population. Front row: David Johnson, Bufkin King, Brandi Lanford, Stacey Calloway, Charlotte Swearingen, Kevin Spera, Virginia Crawford, adviser. Back row: Stacy Turker, Connie Morgan, administrative assistant, Michael Berault



Phi Beta Lambda is dedicated to developing competent, aggressive business leadership. Front row: Bertina Hill, Tarsha Patterson, Jennifer Moak, Catina Champ, Kimberly Campbell. Back row: Deona Britt, John Hancock, Sean Wilkerson, Kathryn Gartman.

by David Taylor

INVOLVED IN the emotion OF MUSIC

Through personal
performance and
composition,
Phi Mu Alpha
Sinfonia
members are

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia



Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Officers: Front row: Ryan Decker, Sean Wilson; Second row: Jason Brigman, Mathew Rippere, James Matthew Orff; Third row: Jason Easley, John Mills; Back row: Anthony Barnes.



Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Members: Front row: Joe Council, John Bergeron, Gabe Krell, Craig Wilson, Ryan Decker, Jimmy Covelli; Back row: Brent Hammer, John Taylor, Mathew Rippere, Jason Brigman, Anthony Barnes, Sean Wilson, Wade Walker, Norman Cannon, John Mills, Jonathan Steele, James Matthew Orff, Jason Easley.

Music is an emotional art form, but no more than when it is personal. Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia brings out the unique music of America and its own members by supporting the major composers as well as the contributions of new musicians.

In its main role as American music promoter, Phi Mu Alpha gives concerts of many styles, such as orchestra and jazz. The organization is also most diligent in providing a forum for new composers and exhibiting the best of the nation.

Within this goal are student musicians, and Phi Mu Alpha's recitals are displays of their talents and valuable experience for future composers.

"We encourage all of our members to write new music and to publicly perform new music," said James Orff, president of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. "Members work on arrangements and compositions. We really try to get everybody involved in the music process, to get a feel of what music means to them."

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia co-hosts the All-South Honor Orchestra for high school students in the fall semester. There are plans to add an All-South Jazz Festival.

Together with many campus activities and programs, Phi Mu Alpha brings music to all students, musically involved or not.

"It's a really good fraternity to be in music-wise," said John Smith, freshman music industry major. "It's going to help me to perform better, and to be a better all-around musician."

A national fraternity, Phi Mu Alpha is open to all male students. Orff said the fraternity is not just for music majors, but is open to men who want to see the advancement of music. "It's a lot of hard work, but the rewards are going to be outstanding," Orff said.



Phi Chi Theta is a professional business fraternity which strives to promote higher business education. Front row: Margaret Ross, Faith Jellyman, Kristie Lacour, Kelly Rithmire, Candi Ellison, Trinisha Lacy, Angie Evans. Back row: Dolly Loyd, adviser, Jennifer Cousins, Tameka Smith, Demario Smith, Jennifer Krause, Jeff Shaw, Larerica Hudson.



Phi Theta Kappa is for students inducted into the honor society while attending junior college. Front row: Nancy Rabalais, Vickie Merritt, Darlene Gray. Back row: James Robbins, Simplice Essou, Todd Brister, president, Billy Folkes, adviser.



Polymer science students relax at a picnic held at Paul B. Johnson state park. Undergraduate student **Garrett Doucet** sets the ball during a volleyball game while graduate student **Dave Richeleu** looks on.



Public Relations Student Society of America is an organization that fosters the study of public relations for liberal arts majors. Front row: Christina Sutherland, Rebecca Jermy, Julie Dorman, Michael Fatherree, Crystal Dingle, Mary Miller, Jessica Johnson-Lewis. Back row: Dr. Barbara Shoemaker, adviser, Tommy White, president, Shirley Robertson, Tricia Mockler, Tracie Bertaut, Stephanie Shook, Tisha Mercer, Joanne Marsh, Byron Callaway.



Recreation Majors Association promotes interaction and professional advancement among recreation majors. Front row: Sharon Guimares, Danette Berry, Julie Hopson, Kim Hastings, Allison Pasior, Shelley Cantrelle. Back row: Rick Green, adviser, Greg Lee, Craig Hunt, Chris Harris, Ben Bryant, Brian Gordon, Bryan McLaughlin.



Society of Polymer Scientists Officers: Chris Howard, secretary; Bret Calhoun, president; Kevin Plaisance, vice-president; Chris Ward, treasurer.



Society of Polymer Scientists Members: Front row: Richard Harper, Richard Nause, Lisa Kemp, Chris Ward, Bret Calhoun, Kip Sharp; Back row: Kevin Thigpen, Chris Howard, Kevin Plaisance, Garrett Doucet, Jennifer Rediske, Kelly Anderson.



Rugby Team is a sport club that plays against teams throughout the Southeast region. Front row: Lubin Lewis Jr., Mark Boulton, Richard Shanchan, Sey Ikeda, Brian Shaifer, Peter Talluto, Dave Buck, adviser; Second row: Luca Dupre, Ryan McAvaddy, Andrew Barlow, Steve Fuller, Shannon Merritt, Ken Bryant, Gary Thiel, Tim Paternostro, Dan Tobias; Back row: Brian Stubblefield, Brad Bard, Kenji Ikegami, Rick Garcia, Bobby Siggins, Lee McKee, Reece Landrum, Jay Wells.

*Brought together
by their
ambition and
love of research,
polymer science
students
are making*

CONNECTIONS that last A LIFETIME

Society of Polymer Scientists

Since 1975, the Society of Polymer Scientists has given support to its members. Through meetings and activities, the society brings the students and teachers of this difficult, yet rewarding, major together. Above all, the organization is a vital link between graduating members and jobs with the industry.

"Companies come in and interview seniors," President Kevin Thigpen said. "We try to set up interviews and trips to different companies to let students go to see 'this is what I'll be doing.'"

Meetings give members time to share the rigors of the subject, but other gatherings give them the chance to have fun. Picnics and community service take the society out of the classroom.

The society also schedules field trips to various plants to bring students up to date about what is going on in the real world, and they bring guest speakers in to present special programs on a variety of topics.

As part of the polymer science department, the society seeks to entice high school students into this exciting world. Through demonstrations and tours, "we try to show them," Thigpen said, stressing the opportunities in the field. "It's becoming an important part of everyday life, and it's important people realize that," Thigpen said.

The society is a group of friends united by the love of discovery and the desire to better the world. These shared interests will continue past the school years. "We make connections that will last a lifetime," Thigpen said.

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Psi Chi members Ashly Miller, Kristen Williams and Michael McGahey prove that there is more to the organization than just work as they enjoy a night out listening to a local band.



Shotokan Karate Club offers training in traditional Japanese karate with an emphasis on techniques, forms, and sparring. Front row: Isao Nakayama, Ryohei Orime, Gail Russell, adviser, Eugene Snipes. Second row: Terry Whittington, Brad Slorum, Carlo Clesi, Jackson Bunch, Chatham Meade. Back row: Tomoko Kakazu, Alissa Reinhart, Greg Tavai, A G. McSwain, David Ray, Shawn Eley, Briana McKinnon.



Southern Style is the official host/hostess group for the university. Front row: Alice Miller, Kara Fleming, Charla Allo, Erin Kealy, Melanie Davis, Regina Hood, Monica Lewis, Melissa Kohler, Kim Ward. Second row: Michelle Manguno, Dennis Anderson, Robby Wadley, John Graham, Jeremy Christ, Laura Godwin, Heather Hirschfeld, Melissa Pace. Back row: Jason Dean, Amy Baumgartner, Sean Tindell, Brad Archer, Alex Murray, Alan Fuller, Jerry Henderson.



Psi Chi Officers Front row: Ashly Miller, publicity officer; Kristen Williams, vice president; Mindy Schultz, secretary; Back row: Dr. Dan Tingstrom, faculty adviser, Randy Boyd, president.



Psi Chi Members Front row: Clara Saafir, Tiffany Graves, Mary Greene, Christina Smith, Kris Mausser, Mindy Schultz, Kristen Williams, Donna Reid, Tracy Deer, Susan Rice; Back row: Kara Fleming, Stacie Sisung, Terry Carter, Ashly Miller, Randy Boyd, Michael Gandy, Dr. Dan Tingstrom, adviser, Michael McGahey, Donna Miller.



Speech Communication Association is an academic support group with membership open to all students interested in the communication field. Front row: Leslie Walker, president, Angela Mazingo, Kelly Sanford, Amanda Leesburg. Back row: Alison Pitts, Brad Howard, John Burks, Kami Gordy.

by Jamie Hatch

*By providing
scholastic
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members while
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Psi Chi is
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IMPORTANT academic FELLOWSHIP

Psi Chi

Is it possible to have a small group on campus that makes a big difference in the lives and futures of a select group of people? For the members of Psi Chi, the answer is yes.

Psi Chi is a national honor society for students majoring or minoring in psychology. It is a very small but dignified and recognized organization. Dr. Daniel H. Tingstrom, the seven-year adviser, said, "It provides academic recognition to psychology members who have achieved a certain level while encouraging fellowship among students in psychology."

The organization, chartered in 1963, has approximately 35 active members on campus. They meet every two weeks for fellowship and fun while incorporating service projects.

In October, Psi Chi participated in the UAC Halloween Carnival for Pinehaven children. They also collected donations during the Christmas season for the Salvation Army.

For active psychology students, Psi Chi is one of the best sources of valuable information regarding future education and career plans. In the fall, a successful forum was held for present graduate students and a professor also spoke to students interested in attending graduate school. Topics included the application process and what to expect upon admittance.

It takes a dedicated student to become a member of Psi Chi, but the rewards of an established organization here on campus and nationally are definitely worth the effort.

Randy Boyd, president of Psi Chi, said, "The main thing I enjoy is the fellowship with other students and being around other people that I can relate to and are going through the same things I'm going through."

Greg Lee





Sports official **Pete Ranson** tosses up the jump ball to start the basketball game between the $\text{ATQ/K}\Sigma$ teams in the Payne Center.



David Massing

Sports Officials: Front row - Kadija Maxion, Jesse Thompson, Ben McCoy, John Perniciaro, Lorieen Jackson, Omarr Parker, Shenika Amerson, Charles Green. Second row - Michael Rhodes, Shuntee Taylor, Pete Ranson, Johnny Dussouy, Rob Garrison, Roderick Williams, Norris Taylor. Back row - Peter Castelluccio, Mark Crager, Andre Love, Deniro Lewis, Lee Boyles, Bradley Petty



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Sports Officials Officers Michael Rhodes, president; Charles Green, alumni relations; Pete Ranson, vice president; Rob Garrison, secretary/treasurer; Bradley Petty, graduate adviser.



by Bradley Petty

*Training clinics
and actual
game experience
help Sports
Officials
decide if it's*

IN THE strike ZONE

Sports Officials Association

The Sports Officials Association was developed to recruit, train and provide opportunities for students, faculty and staff who are interested in officiating intramural sports. Members of the SOA gain officiating expertise in various levels through clinics, written examinations, game ratings and game experience.

Once certified by the association, an individual will receive the opportunity to officiate in area recreation, junior high and high school leagues as well as intramural events during the fall, spring and summer semester of each academic year.

Officials who demonstrate excellence are recognized at the Division of Recreational Sports Annual Award Ceremony and are encouraged to participate in the officiating of local, state, regional and national tournaments.

Such participation serves to further enhance an individual's officiating skills and also provide networking opportunities with peers across the southeast region of the United States.

Officiating skills obtained by members of the SOA are lifelong. Several members who began their officiating careers at USM's intramural sports program have gone on to prestigious national officiating positions.

Through the continued success of the SOA alumni, it is hard to refute the fact that the SOA provides its members with more than just a job in college. The association provides members with lifelong skills which will take them to the officiating career levels that they strive to achieve.

The SOA strives for excellence, and if excellence in officiating is what one is interested in, they are the organization for you.



Recreational Sports Supervisors: Front row: Amie Calamari, Norris Taylor, Melanie Hurst, Gary Morris; Back row: Johnny Dussouy, Rob Garrison, Pete Ranson, Wes McCullough, Donna DeSilvey, Mark Crager, Derico Lewis, Michael Rhodes, Andre Love, Brad Petty, graduate assistant.



Intramural Sports Staff: Front row: Steve Rey, director, Janice Eaton, intramural sports secretary; Back row: Chris McGee, facility manager; Trish Lasavio, intramural sports supervisor; Brad Petty, graduate assistant.



Student Alumni Association members play a little jazz at their Mardi Gras party in the Alumni House.



SPEED stands for Students Promoting Education and Empowerment for Diversity. They are a peer education group whose purpose is to educate the campus community on issues of diversity. Santrice Coleman, Jennifer Marciani, president; Chinika Robinson, Dustin Oubre, vice president.



Sports Medicine Association strives to expand the overall scope of educational experiences by establishing closer contact with those who are involved in the sports medicine profession. Front row: Kristen Karchnick, Renee Starling, Deborah Huff, Sonya Scott, Stacy Smith, Mark Baumgarten, Eric Oehms, Chris Morgan. Second row: Scott Pittman, Peter Kerr, Jennifer Wilson, Nina Vaccarella, Amy Hall, Jennifer Tortorich, Kristi Walsten, Patrick Roitschadl, Miles Davis. Back row: Ryan Forsythe, Chad Ardon, Melinda Gribkov, Ashley Watkins, Thomas Moody, Donna DeSilvey, Mark Porter, Ryan Henry, Brad Martin.



Student Alumni Association Officers: Front row: Tim Breland, adviser; Michelle Hill, Callie Fones, vice president; Jennifer Krause, president; Back row: Leslie Walker, Lillie Easton, secretary; Fanesha Watts.



Members of the Student Alumni Association

by Abigayle C. Farris

*The strength of
USM comes
from its alumni,
and the SAA,
through student/
alumni relations,
is continually*

BUILDING university SUPPORT

Student Alumni Association

The Student Alumni Association is here to help insure the future of the university. The largest member organization on campus, SAA exists to build a relationship between students and the university for support of the university.

"The purpose of SAA is to create a connection of our current students to the university for a lifetime," said SAA Adviser Tim Breland. "Within a short time all of our students will be alums...I don't think people realize that the reputation of the university is built up or torn down by its graduates."

Breland said the organization seeks to foster a good feeling about USM in all students while they are here so that they are able to build the university's support and reputation once they are gone.

Graduating senior Susan Timko is a member of SAA. She said her experience at USM was exceptional, and she plans to be an active alum. "It (SAA) gave me an opportunity to meet a lot of other people on campus," she said, "and it made me realize how important it is to be involved as an alum."

SAA contacts all new USM students each semester through a campus mailout, but gets its biggest membership surge by word of mouth and its membership drive in front of the Hub. Students like Timko join SAA every semester because of a table in front of the Hub -- these students decide the future of the university.

Breland said the primary goal of SAA -- as always -- is to get more students involved on campus as well as with SAA. The future of the organization is as solid and as certain as its effects have been.

"We want to continue to be there as a stable force on campus, in our continuous effort to support USM in all of its activities," Breland said.



Student Dietetics Association promotes healthy eating habits. The organization is open to any student who is interested in health and nutrition. Front row: Sandi Keller, Carrie Lindsoe, Stacey Cantrelle, Maria London, Amy Weaver, Sara Gilmore, Petrina Cooley; Back row: Sharon Grantham, Brittney Bush, Jenny Prestidge, John Micka, Patricia Kennon, Sylvia Lott, Tammy Ciaccio.

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Round and round it goes, where it stops, nobody knows. Students place their bets as the keno wheel spins during the SGA casino night. The proceeds raised at the event went to benefit the efforts of the United Way.



SGA Senate: Front row Johnna Whitaker, Diana Seaton, Candace Purchner, Robin Leggett, Gayle Smith, Sara Gilmore, Melissa Dudley, Eddie Holloway, adviser, Adron Hill, Shannon Ishee, Ryan Lowe, Majd Ayed Al-Ayed, Missy Risher, Kasi Bushnell, Second row Katie Spiller, Bethany Boyles, Kamini Bhakta, Leighia Lynn, Jennifer Hatten, Shelley Putnam, April McHan, Jennifer Carlson, Fayla Huif, Shannon Scott, Allyson Crawford, Kern Provenza, Toni Clements, Amy Roberts, Back row Dave Johnson, Jonathan Williams, Alex Gresham, Ryan Mouledous, Tony Maiorana, Gary Thiel, Jamey Keith, Ricardo Vita, John Bezou, Troy Odom, Michael Howard, Marcus McLelland, Brent Greenwald

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by Melissa Dudley

*A new-found
dedication to
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and change
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SGA is*

REDEFINING student GOVERNMENT

Student Government Association

"Redefining Student Government" is more than just a slogan for this year's Student Government Association, it is a rallying point. "It is not just a slogan," Dave Estorge, SGA president. "It is a way of life for our SGA."

This has been a foundation-building year for the SGA. Lines of communication have been opened as the SGA has worked to become more accessible to the students.

"We've added a lot more student representation to faculty committees, and we're trying to encourage better faculty-student relations in order to have a more student-oriented administration," said Clara Saafir, SGA attorney general.

Throughout the year, the Senate passed several bills to better benefit students. Included were: bills for purchasing four jump-start units to assist students needing their cars jump-started; adding lighting throughout campus for increased safety and restructuring the check-cashing and loan service due to the exorbitant cost and lack of actual need.

Several cabinet committees introduced new events. The spirit committee kicked off the year with an intense drive to increase attendance at athletic events. The United Way committee hosted Casino Night, a fund-raiser that combined live entertainment with gaming.

The research and planning committee initiated one of the most beneficial pieces of legislation of the year: the textbook reform bill. The bill addresses the need for textbook reform including a standard text for all core classes and a higher buy-back rate on used books.

In February, the National Association for Campus Activities Educational Foundation gave the SGA the 1995 Excellence in Student Government Award for schools having under 20,000 students.

Using this strong foundation, the members of SGA will continue to work toward their goal of addressing student concerns.



Student Government Executive Officers Front row: Hiren Thadani, treasurer; Dave Estorge, president; Melissa Dudley, vice president; Back row: Antonio Johnson, election commissioner; Lyle Smith, secretary; Clara Saafir, attorney general; John Graham, chief of staff.



SGA Associates Front row: Nicol Powell, Laura Ford, Cherie Boudreaux, Carolyn Shoemaker, LaTonya Robinson, Allison Hipwell, Gregory Doss, Leslie Walker. Second row: Brandi Lanford, Brittany Keaton, Amanda McMullin, Michelle Seall, Jennifer DeLuca, Eric Langevin. Back row: Amanda Crosby, Mirical Saddler, Ken Beauchene, Brad Smith, Ann Vorhaben, Carrie Weir, Stephanie Cancienne, Robert Sanders.



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SGA Cabinet: Front row: Tom Shoemaker, adviser, Antonio Johnson, Andrew Ciccarelli, Melissa Dudley, Dave Estorge, Clara Saafir, John Graham, Lyle Smith, Gerry Blake, Latencia Hudson; Second row: Leslie Walker, Cati Diamond, Traci Reinhart, Kara Fleming, Kelli Carter, Julie Jarrell, Jackie Anderson, Edderek Cole, Cassandra Gallaspy, Danielle Thomas, Erin Hogan; Back row: Jared O'Neal, Kenny Cheramie, Demario Smith, Jennifer Ellison, Amy Walsh, Bufkin King, Brooks Moore, Joey Buchanan, Kevin Spera.





Student Nurses Association member **Danny Vining** checks the blood pressure of **Dr. Vivien Carver** during the annual Wellness Fair in the Union. The fair is sponsored by the University Health Services.



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Student Printz is the student-operated campus newspaper. The staff strives to both inform and entertain the students. Faculty and staff in this biweekly publication: Front row: Sean Murphy, executive editor, Garnett Sellers, Danielle Thomas, Karon Clark. Back row: Brett Blankenship, David Davies, adviser, Gus Kattengell, Nellie Kelly, Abigail Farris.



V.I.S.I.O.N., Volunteers Impacting Society through Individual Outreach Now serves as a resource for students who want to volunteer for local nonprofit organizations. Front row: Tom Schnaubelt, adviser, DeAndrea Johnson, Melissa Carpenter, Angela Jones, Robert Sanders, Leonard Matcas. Back row: Elsie Hopkins, Kendra Lofton, Scotty Scott, Sharyl Rigby, Sara Bartran.



Student Nurses Officers: Front row: Steffani Bazor, Tracy Bailey, Danny Vining, Catherine Aslin; Back row: Tina Reed-Hearn, Charlotte Ann Williams, Susan Timko, Laura Gillis, Regina Posey.



Student Nurses Members: Front row: Jay Morrison, Nikki Harvey, Lori Sibley, Stacie Howard, Dalphany Blalock, Binita Patel; Back row: Cathy Aslin, Steffani Bazor, Danny Vining, Charlotte Ann Williams, Tina Reed-Hearn, Tracy Bailey, Susan Timko, Laura Gillis, Rusty Necaise, Regina Posey.



Wesley Foundation is the United Methodist Church sponsored campus ministry which offers students the opportunity to share in Christian fellowship. Front row: John Woodham, Spike Harris, Rick Deaton, Angie White, Kristen Williams, Stacy Love, Wendy Clark, Amy Tucker, Ashley Cain, Rachel Benefield, Second row: Mary Ruffin, April Epstein, Nancy Huffman, Karen Kelly, Phaidra Floyd, Tina Howell, Allen Blackledge, Tim Francisco, Joana DeLaune, Vincent Clark, Benjamin Willhoite; Back row: Anthony Stephenson, Stephen Mitchell, Brian Cooley, Jonathan Williams, Kurt Wiegall, Michael Webb, Micheal Riddell, Jennifer Stewart, Anthony Barnes.

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by Melissa Dudley

*By making
professional
contacts
and assuming
leadership
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students are*

KNOCKING ON future's DOOR

Student Nurses Association

The Student Nurses Association of Southern Miss is an active and involved group of over 200 students. It is a pre-professional organization that is a part of both the state and national organizations.

It offers student nurses an opportunity to strive for leadership and to hold offices on any of the levels including the national level.

"Being a nursing student you often only know the 60 or so students you enter the program with, but the Student Nurses Association allows us to get together to form a network and a support group," said Tracy Bailey, president of the Student Nurses Association. "It is a great way to meet some of the other nursing students."

The association is very involved in the community. They participate in canned food drives for the Bread Basket, help with blood pressure checks and assist with blood drives around the city. This year they attended the national convention in New Orleans.

The association has monthly meetings that provide a time for guest speakers to lecture. The speakers deal with topics like opportunities for employment and current health-related issues.

One of the educational programs this year included a visit from the neonatal intensive care unit from Jackson.

Bailey summed the purpose of the Student Nurses Association up by saying, "The association allows student nurses to get involved on campus, to meet other students and to provide a support group for the rest of your life and career."





Tracy Blackburn and Paul Gottlieb put some elbow grease into assembling a tent for the CBS College Tour. The tour had various events from TV trivia to a basketball shoot-around.



Advertising Committee Front row: Michelle Hill, Kiren Mann, Carrie Lindsoe; Back row: Ramia McBride-McMillon, Angie White, Angela Jones, Amanda Leesburg, Lee Burke, Robert Sanders.



Special Events Committee Front row: Carlye Jones, Jennifer Myers, Jelita Green; Back row: Mirical Saddler, Laura McInnis, Jamie Ray, Sonia Marshall.

by Jamie Hatch

Whether it's
through
movies,
comedians,
or concerts,
the UAC is
dedicated to

PROVIDING innovative ENTERTAINMENT

University Activities Council

Where can you find 50 students, all with different backgrounds and different interests who come together to form a group dedicated to providing fun for college students?

That's right. The 31-year-old University Activities Council is made up of five committees of energetic students who are looking to entertain. Film chair Andrea Lester, said, "We are the fun group on campus." What more could you ask for?

UAC is one of the most prominent student organizations on campus. "Our mission is to provide educational and cultural entertainment outside the classroom," said Wes Simons, graduate assistant.

The effects of UAC can be seen all over campus. The movies shown at the Reel to Reel theater, coupon books distributed in front of the Hub at the beginning of the semester and poster sales organized in the Union are just some of the events. They also bring such comics as Kool Bubba Ice, Pat McCurdy and J.B. Smoove to campus.

Yearly events sponsored by UAC include: Fall Fest in August; Reggae Fest in October; the spring fair and Crawfish Fest in the spring.

This year UAC has added many exciting new events to its schedule. Family movies are being shown on Saturdays at the Reel to Reel, the Southern Arts International Film Festival is held in the summer and movies are shown on Pride Field.

The most exciting event was the kickin' country concert at Reed Green Coliseum featuring Tim McGraw, Blackhawk and 4 Runner.

UAC has many accomplishments to be proud of. They placed second for best campus organizations out of 110 attending the National Association for Campus Activities at the regional convention in Birmingham. They also had the largest delegation represented.

Individually, Brandon Dawkins was elected as multi-cultural coordinator over the southeast region, and Simons was elected to serve as an intern for the NACA.



University Activities Council Officers. Front row: Jamie Ray, Andrea Lester, Angie White, Kerilynne Countryman; Second row: Rhoda Williams, Tara McCrink, adviser, Kerri Provenza, Shuntee Taylor, Laura McInnis, Amanda Leesburg, Wes Simons, graduate assistant; Back row: John Burks, Brandon Dawkins, Kenny Christensen, Chris Moss.



Union Committee: Front row: Nicol Powell, Michael Webb, Claire Ueltschey; Back row: Chris Moss, Kerri Provenza, Tonya Barnes, Heather Stamper.



Film Committee: Elsie Hopkins, Andrea Lester, Renee Richard, Nancy Poindexter, Kerilynne Countryman, Gus Kattengell.



Membership Committee: Rhoda Williams, Shuntee Taylor, Keisha Owens, Tiffany Hollis, Hope McQuain.

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Tom Schnaubelt, coordinator of the volunteer resource center, helps a group of students repaint the Eagle walk during Southern Pride '95.



Joe Lovett

Building a *People* by Rusty W. Spell *Vision*

Below the surface of classrooms, study halls and preparations for the future, there lies perhaps the most important aspect of college life: people.

USM provides the perfect setting for all forms of social interaction. "There are so many different people here and they all have so much to offer," senior elementary education major Erin Williams said. "Our education goes beyond the classroom."

"I love the people of USM because you can always count on their friendliness," said sophomore Kristin Cannatella, a music industry major. "Even if I don't know the person, I can always be sure to receive a smile. No one is a stranger here."

The campus is like a small community in and of itself with its own unique traditions, cultures and idiosyncrasies. Students are offered a place of opportunity to earn not only an education but also develop a feeling of camaraderie.

Upon enrolling at USM, people from all over the globe accept a new family within this collegiate community. It is this personal connection that will ensure the success, the hope and the memories of all the lives passing this way. These people come together to build their visions of the future.

Twenty years later, President Aubrey Lucas is

REALIZING a vision

by Greg
Lee

Distinction -- it's something everyone ultimately strives for. From the time a student begins an education or a scientist starts a research project or an athlete steps onto the field of play, they're striving to be the best. Distinction -- it's exactly what Aubrey Lucas saw as the vision for the University of Southern Mississippi when he became president 20 years ago.

"In the early years, we talked about a distinguished university," Lucas said, "we talked about a university that is different. And a distinguished university manifests itself in different ways. It creates an environment where people can write their essay of distinction their own way."

Lucas' pride in this University becomes evident whenever he begins to recall some of the distinguished programs and people who are a part of Southern Miss. Whether he is talking about the renowned polymer science department or the recognized professors in every college, whether he's discussing Oseola McCarty's gift of love to students or the newly established Conference USA, Lucas' realization of his vision for this institution is evident.

From the beginning, Lucas knew that the University of Southern Mississippi would not be ordinary or average. When he became president, he set out to make sure of that. Although he says that he didn't have any concrete goals for the university, he set out to help students become what they ought to be.

In doing that, their needs became evident. These needs included the creation of a teaching and learning resource center, the forming of the Honors College, the opening of the Payne Center and the expansion of the Joseph Anderson Cook Memorial Library.

Beyond the facilities and programs offered here, President Lucas is most proud of the people at USM. "I'm most proud of what occurs everyday on this campus," Lucas said, "and the only other people who know about this are the students and teachers of this university. That is the inspired teaching and learning that occurs daily in the classrooms."

That occurrence is evident in the relationship of the students and faculty on campus. Lucas is the first to admit the strained relations between students and faculty during the '70s and the Vietnam era, but he's quick to note how that's changed.

"Students wanted more freedom at that point, and we were still more of a conservative institution," Lucas said. "Residence hall visiting rights, hairstyles, the way we dressed, these all seemed important then. But those strains have healed, and the faculty and students respect each other."

The affairs of the university have almost taken over Lucas' life. "I look at myself and see signs of aging," Lucas said. "Some of those wrinkles have come from concerns about this university. Most of my waking hours are spent in thought, *not worry*, but thought about this university and what I can do to improve it."

Whether by choice or because of the nature of the presidency, Aubrey Lucas has always been a man of many words. Perhaps that is why it is so ironic that when asked how he'd like to be remembered by the students and faculty of USM his answer is simple and eloquent -- "As a friend."



Lisa Munsch



Dr. Lucas announces his resignation as president at the fall convocation on Aug. 29, 1995. He plans to end his 21-year tenure in December 1996. Lucas will continue to be seen on campus, as a member of the faculty of Educational Leadership and Research.



Tommy White

Career Highlights 1975-1995

- Student enrollment on all campuses has increased by 77 percent.
- Outside research grants have increased from under \$5 million to a record total of over \$22 million.
- Minority enrollment has increased to 18 percent of the total student body.
- Centers for excellence were established in polymer science, English, music, psychology, nursing and accounting.
- Study-abroad opportunities for students and faculty were expanded through the creation of the Center for International Education.
- USM joined its first all-sport athletic conference, Conference USA.

President Lucas stands in front of a portrait of himself that was unveiled at the 1981 homecoming ceremonies. Lucas has been a force for change at USM over the past 20 years.

Lisa Munsch



Beginning in July of 1994, the Administration Building, a state and national landmark, underwent a 17-month restoration process. As a result of these improvements, this is the first year in university history that all five vice presidents as well as the president will preside in the building.



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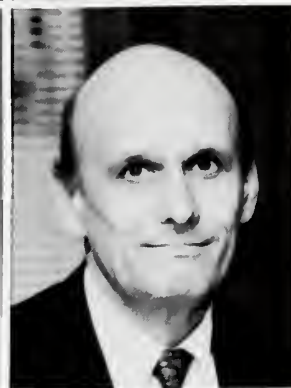
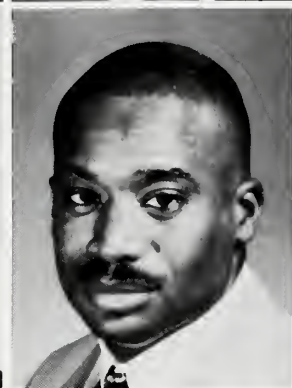
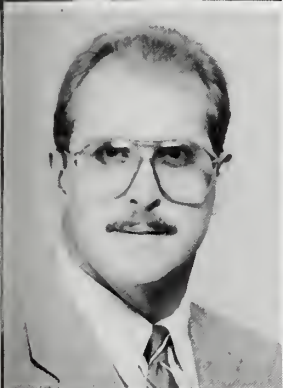


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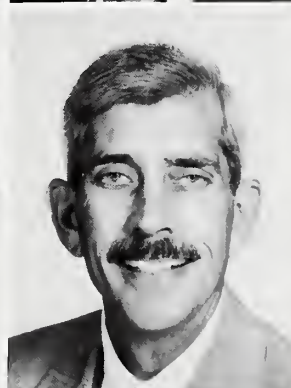
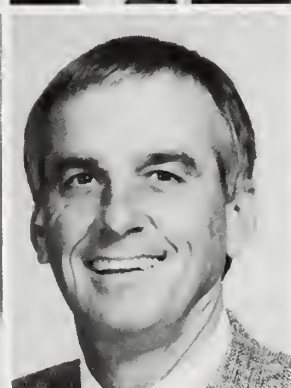
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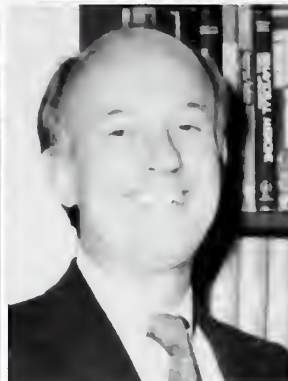


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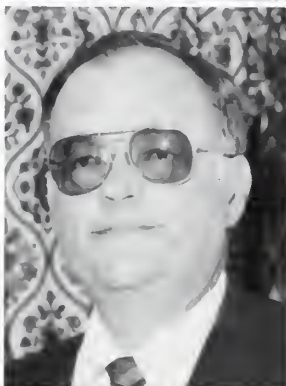
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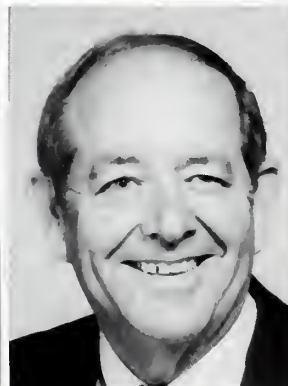
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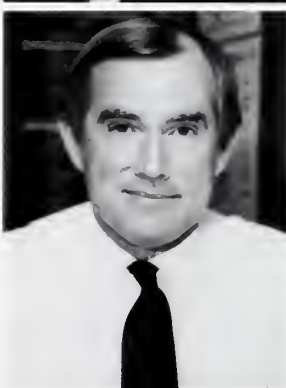
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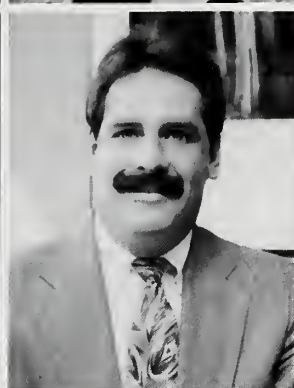


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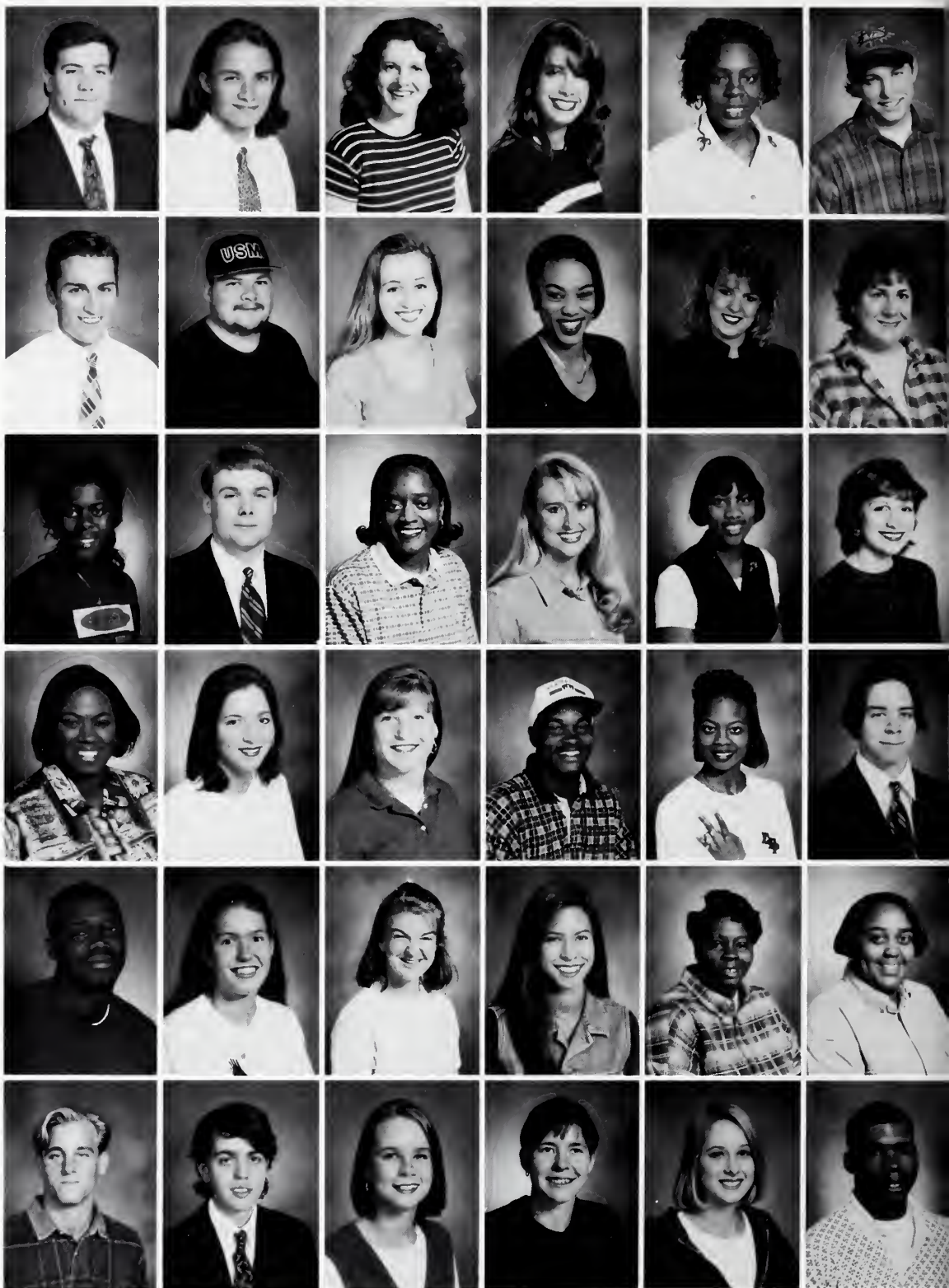
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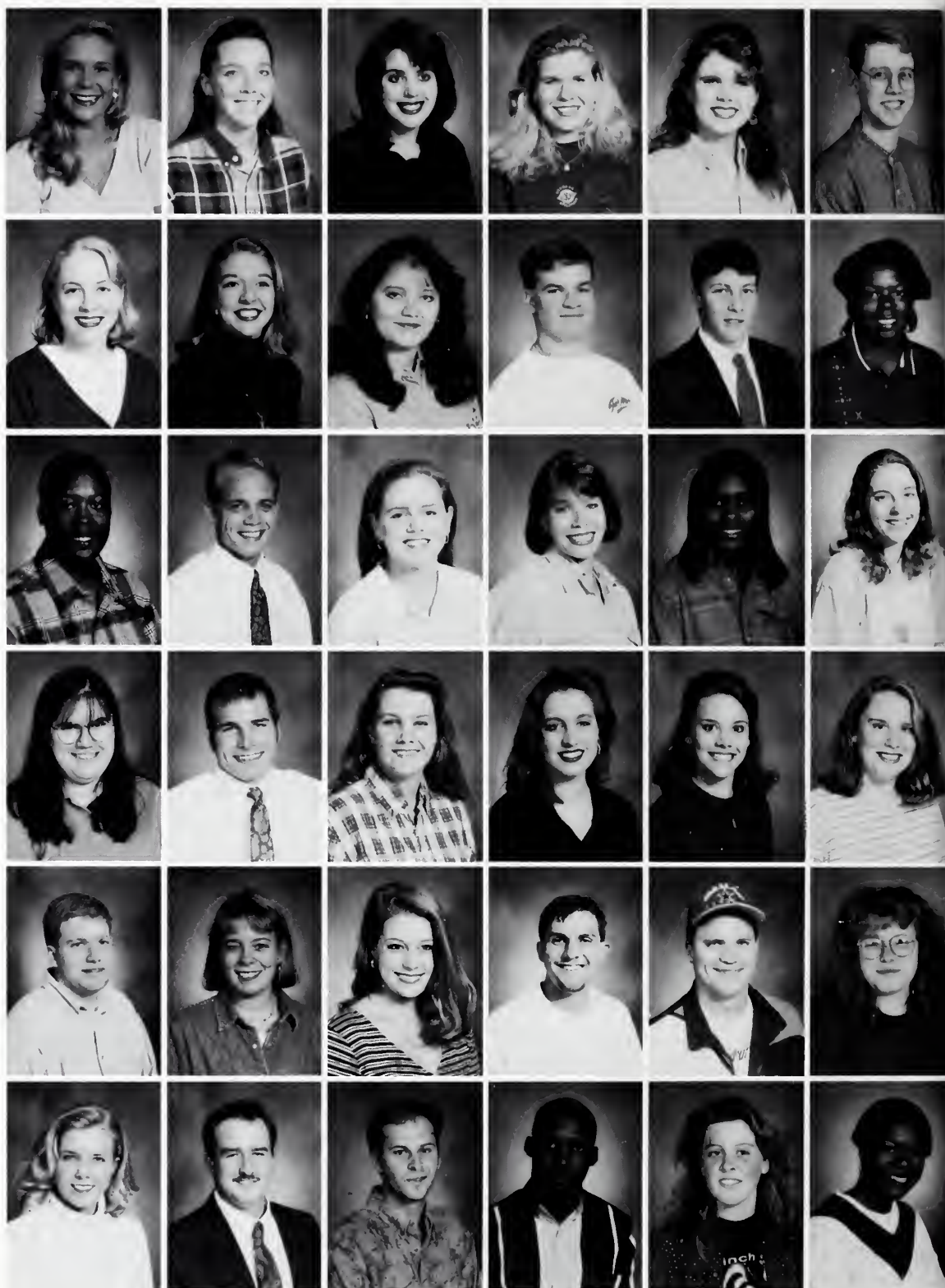
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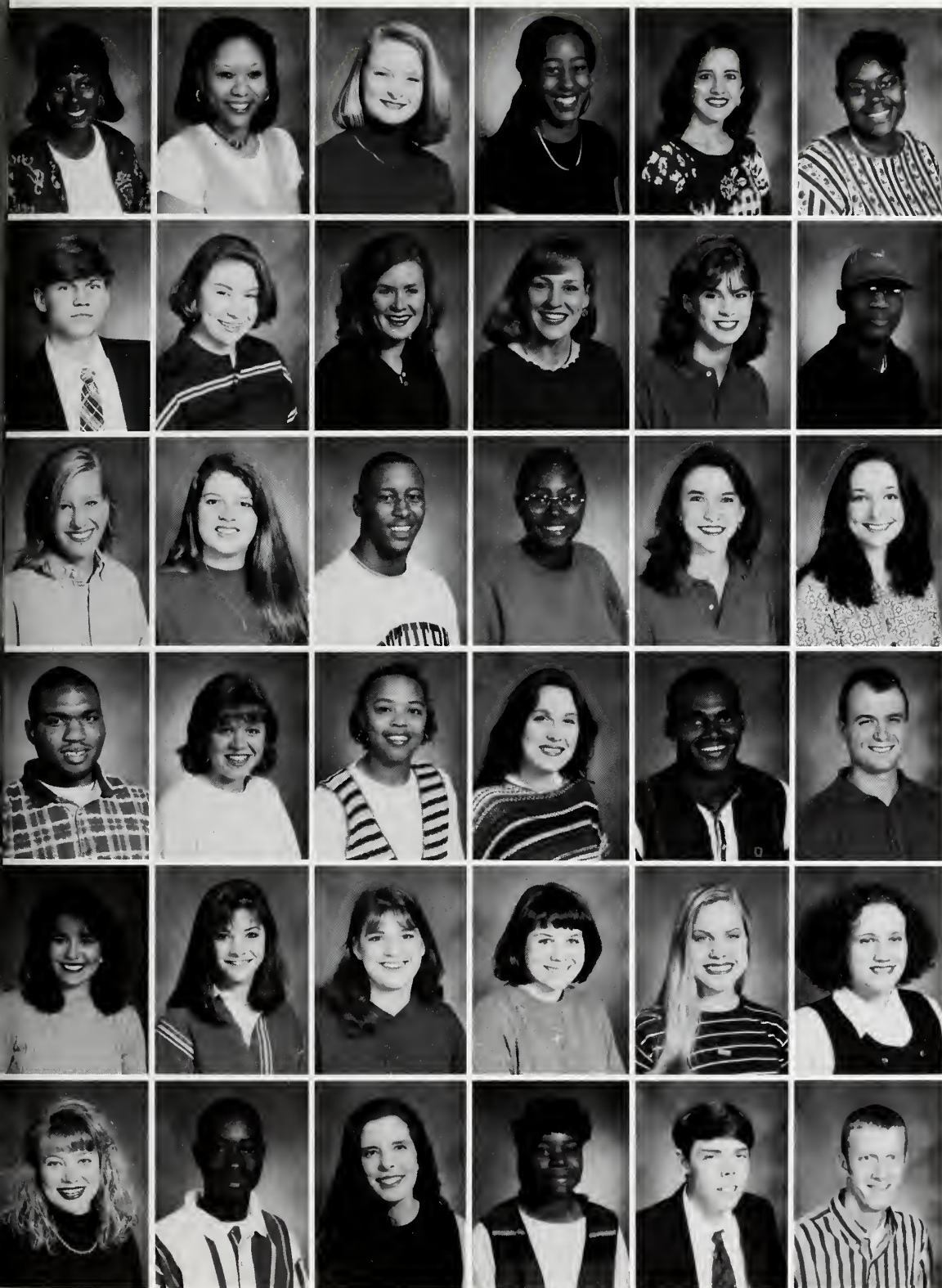
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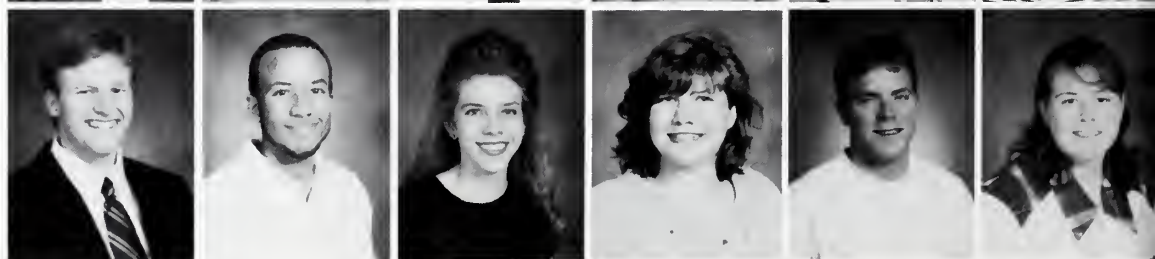
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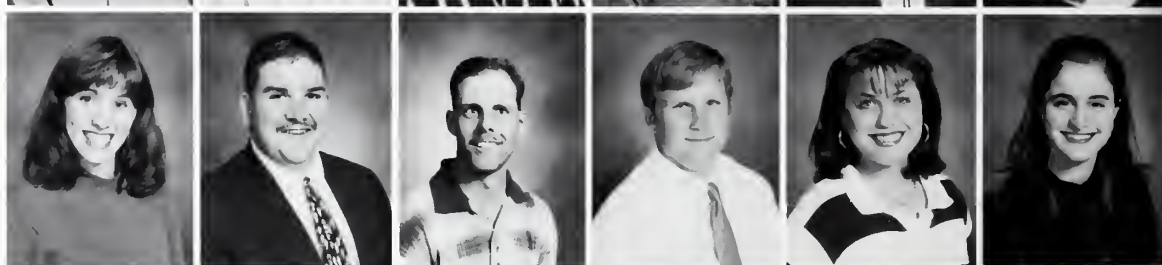
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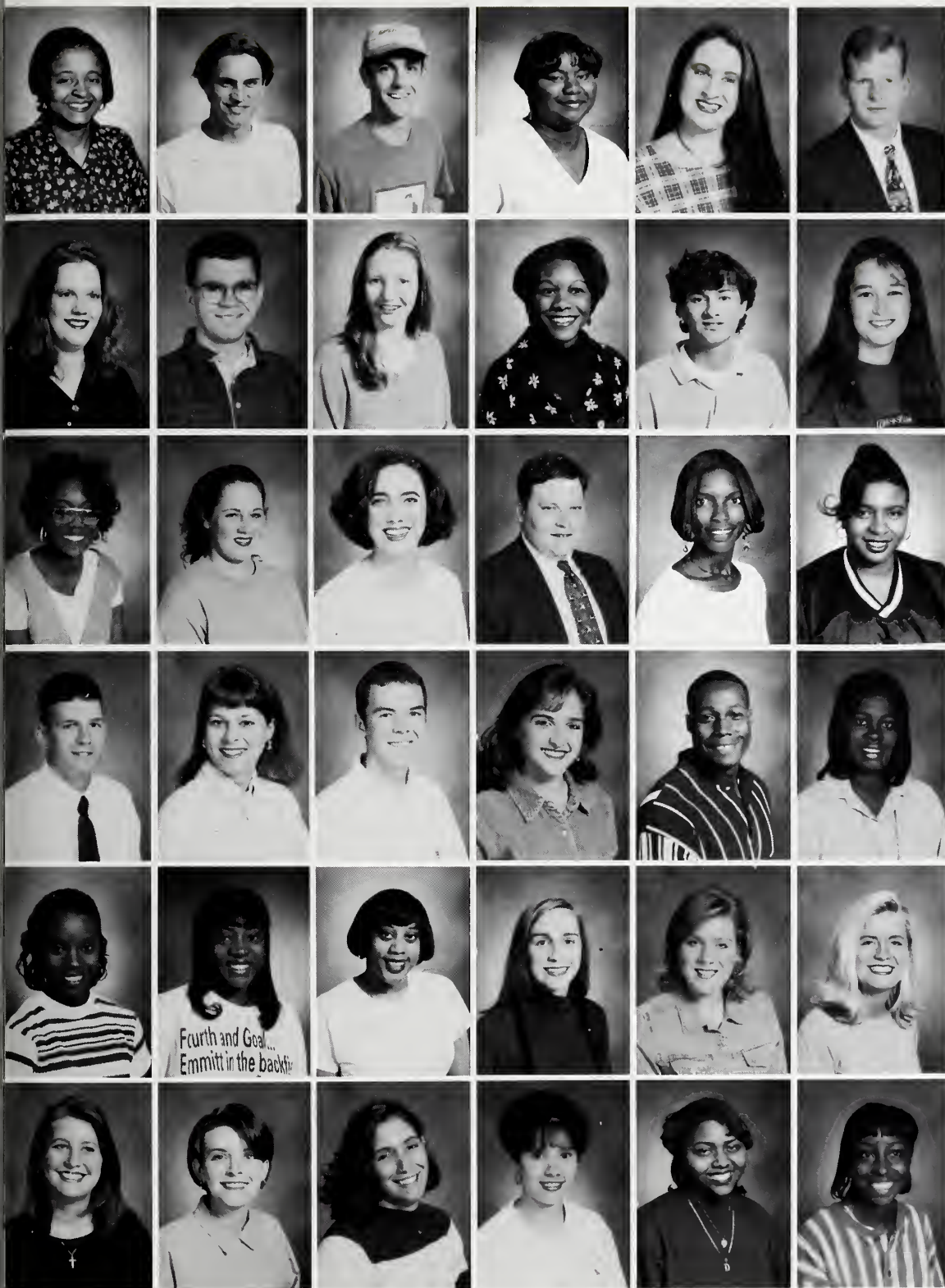
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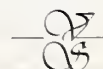
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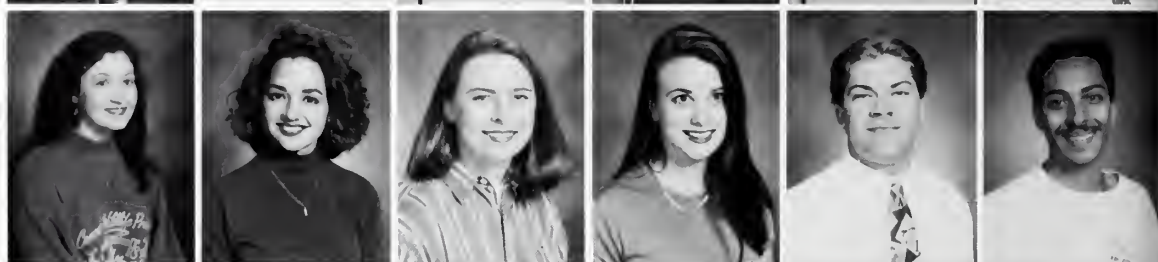
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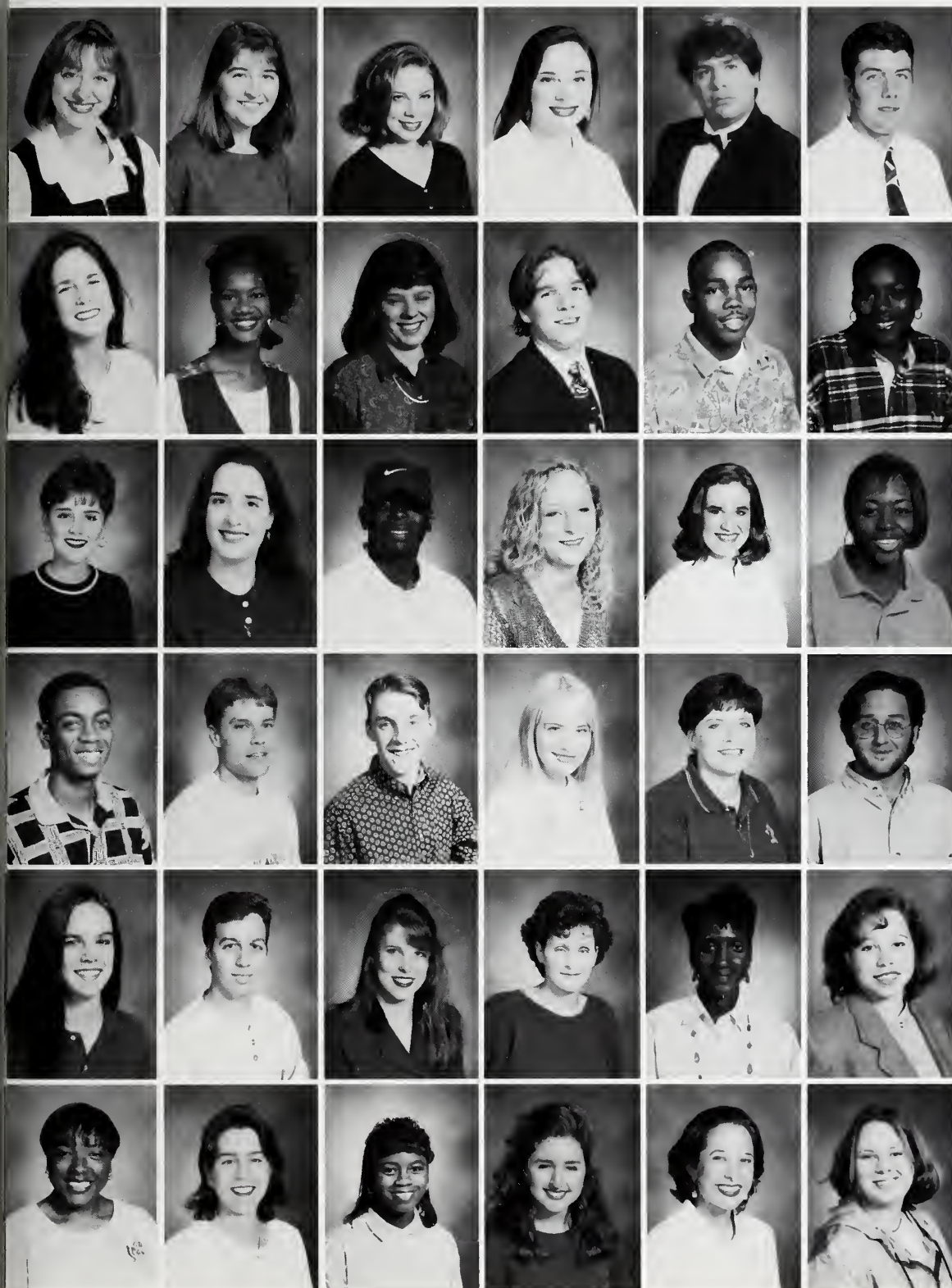
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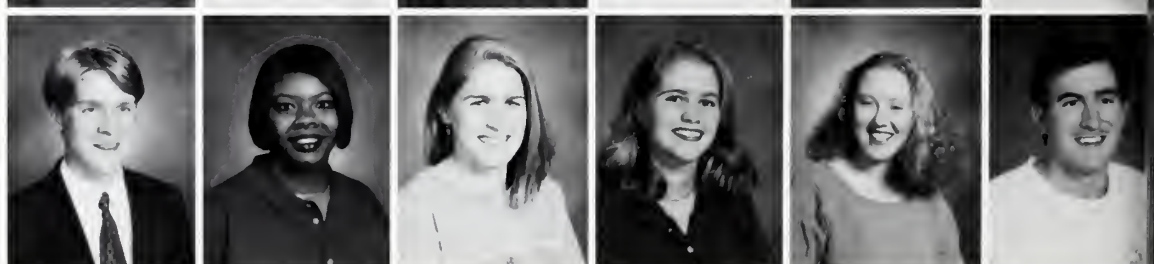
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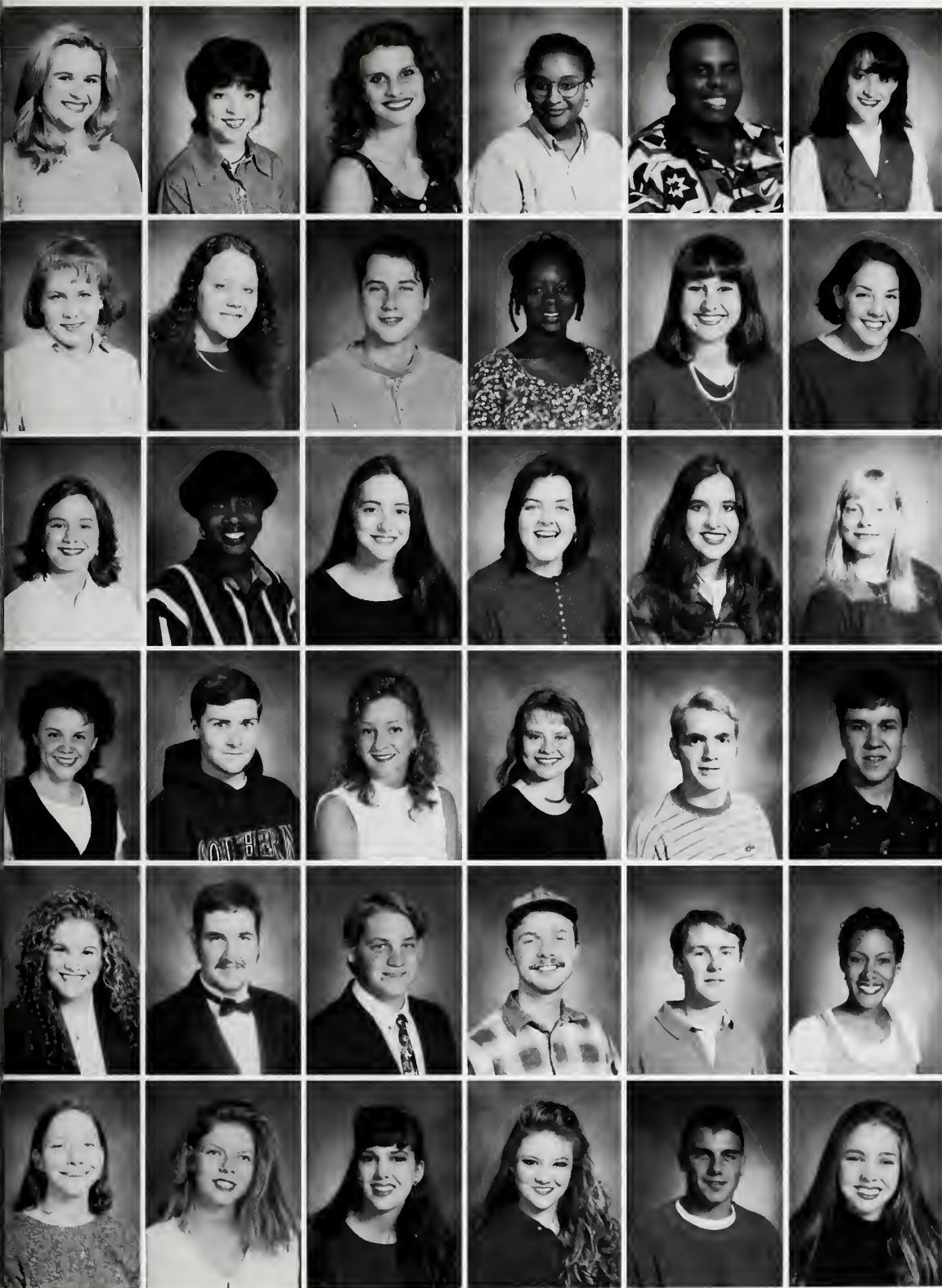
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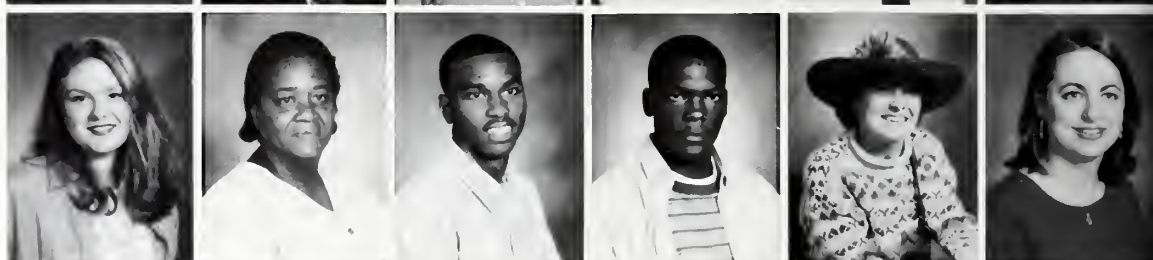
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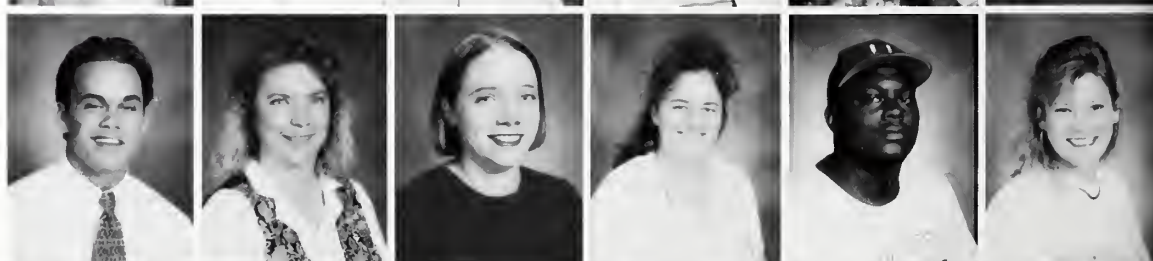
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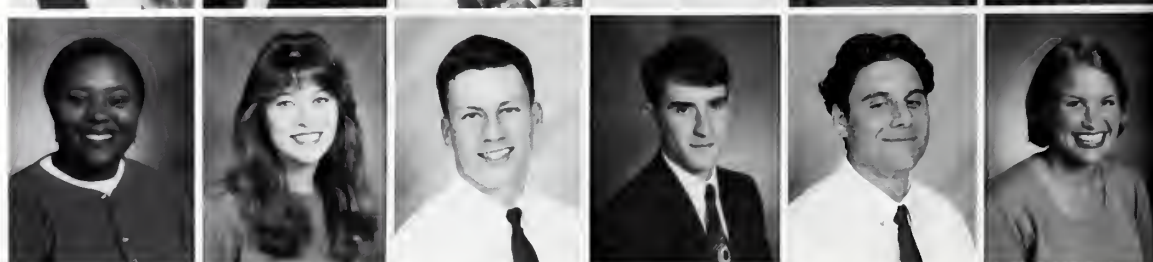
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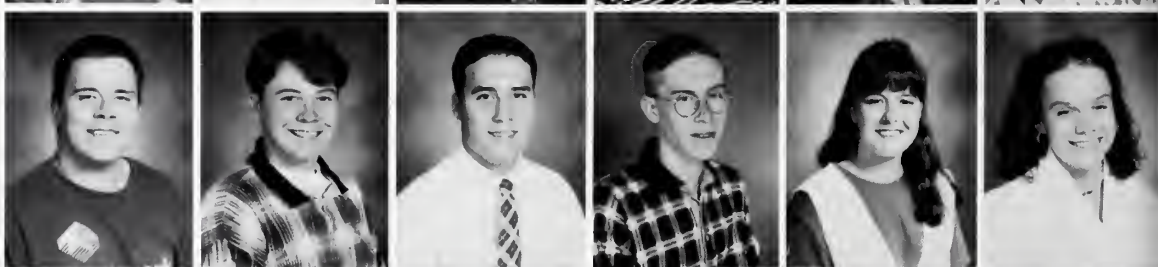
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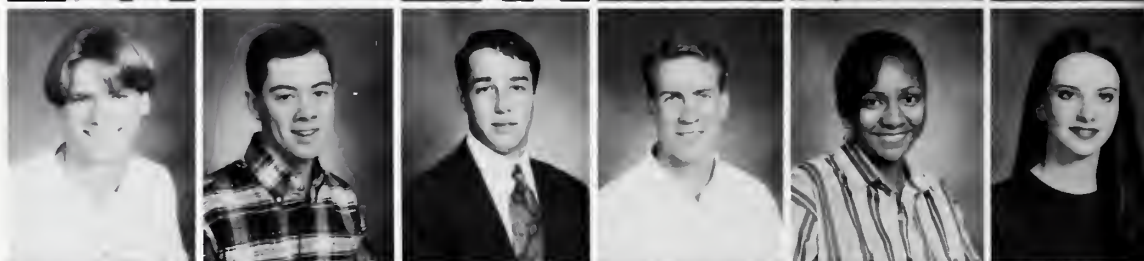
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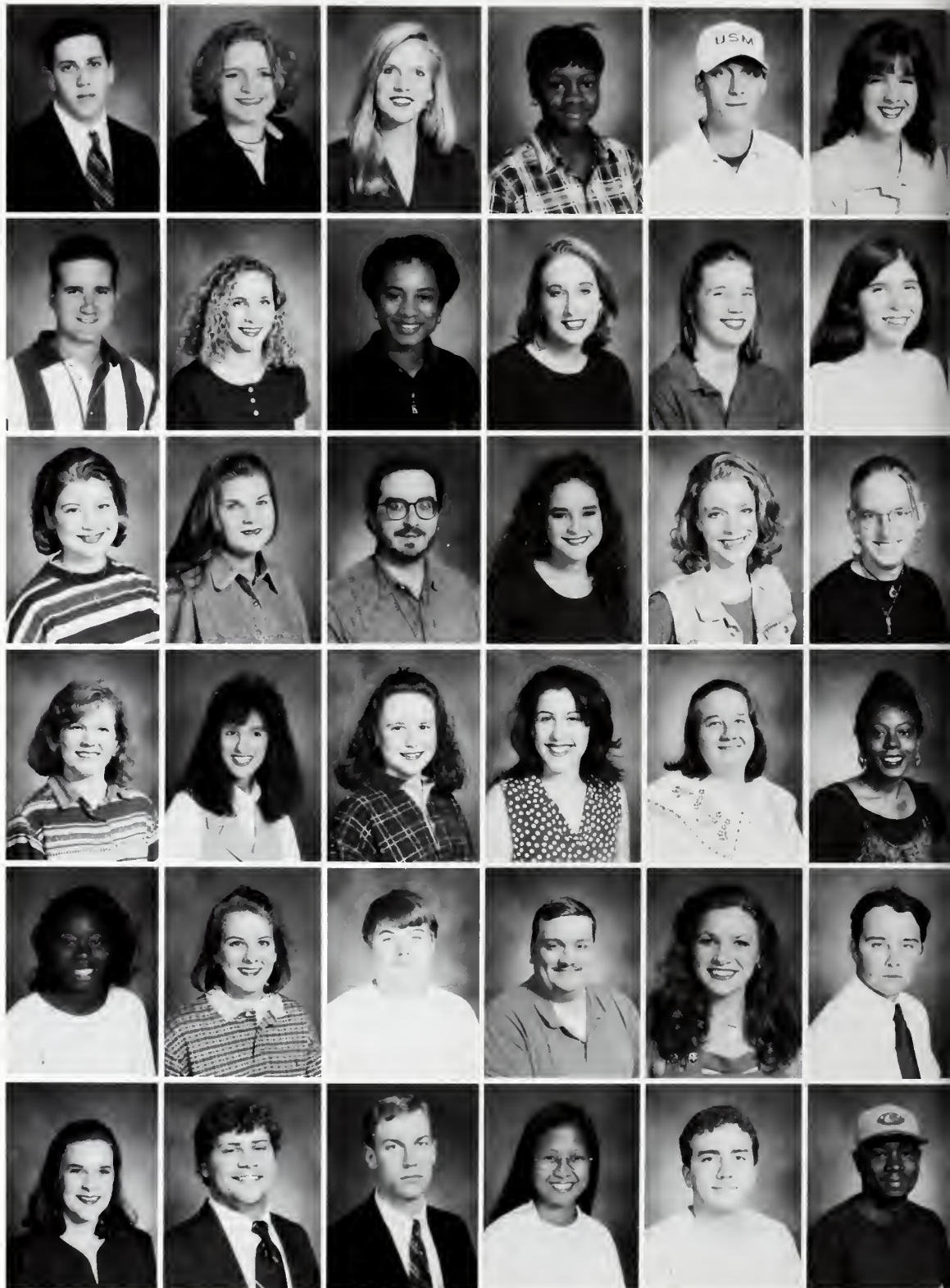
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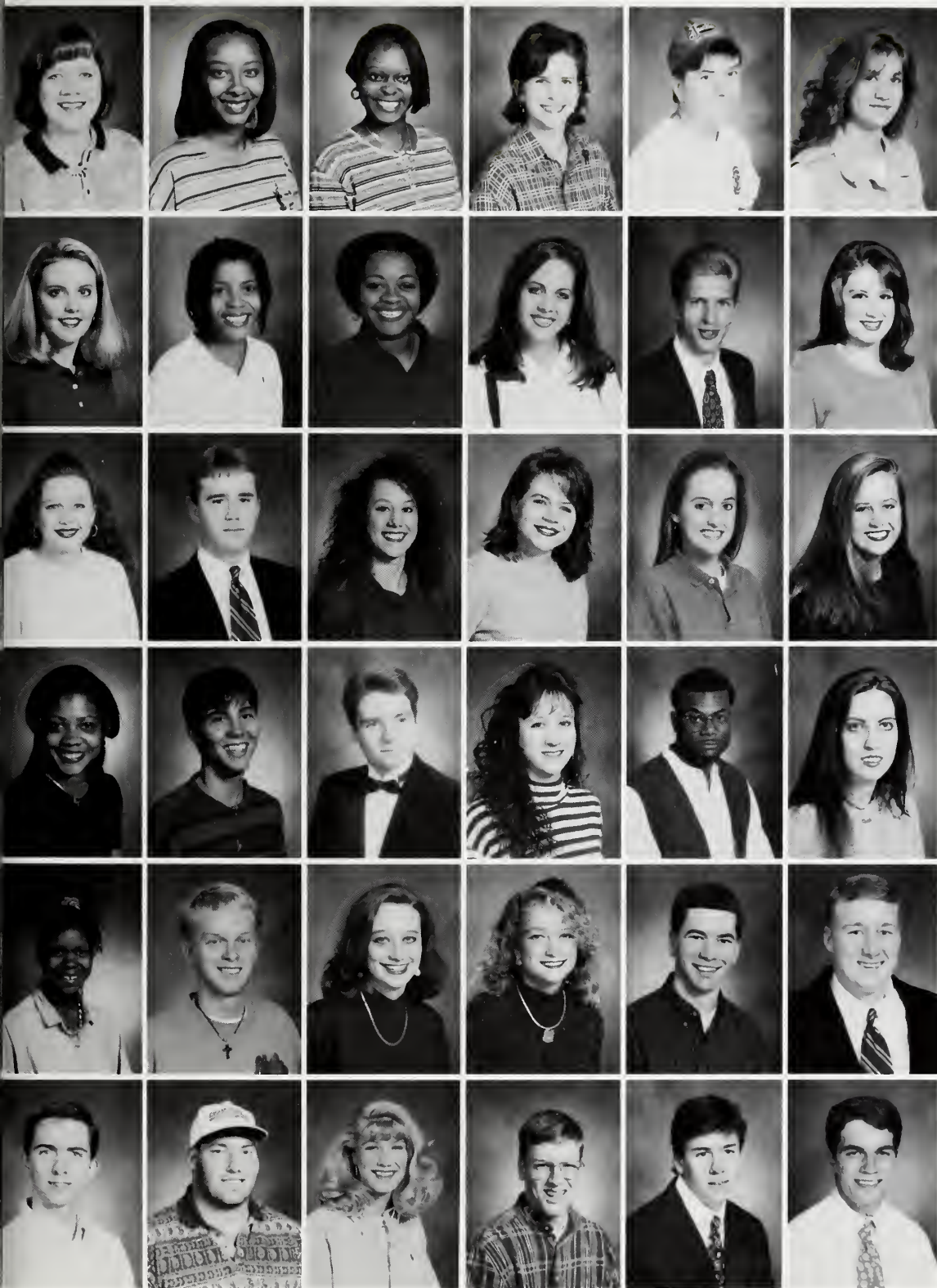
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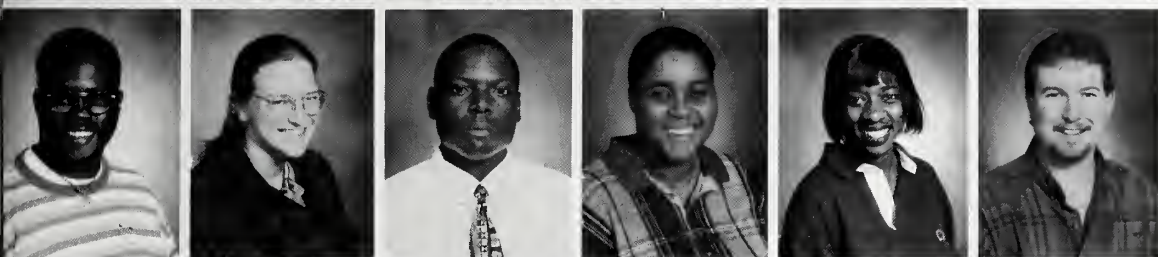
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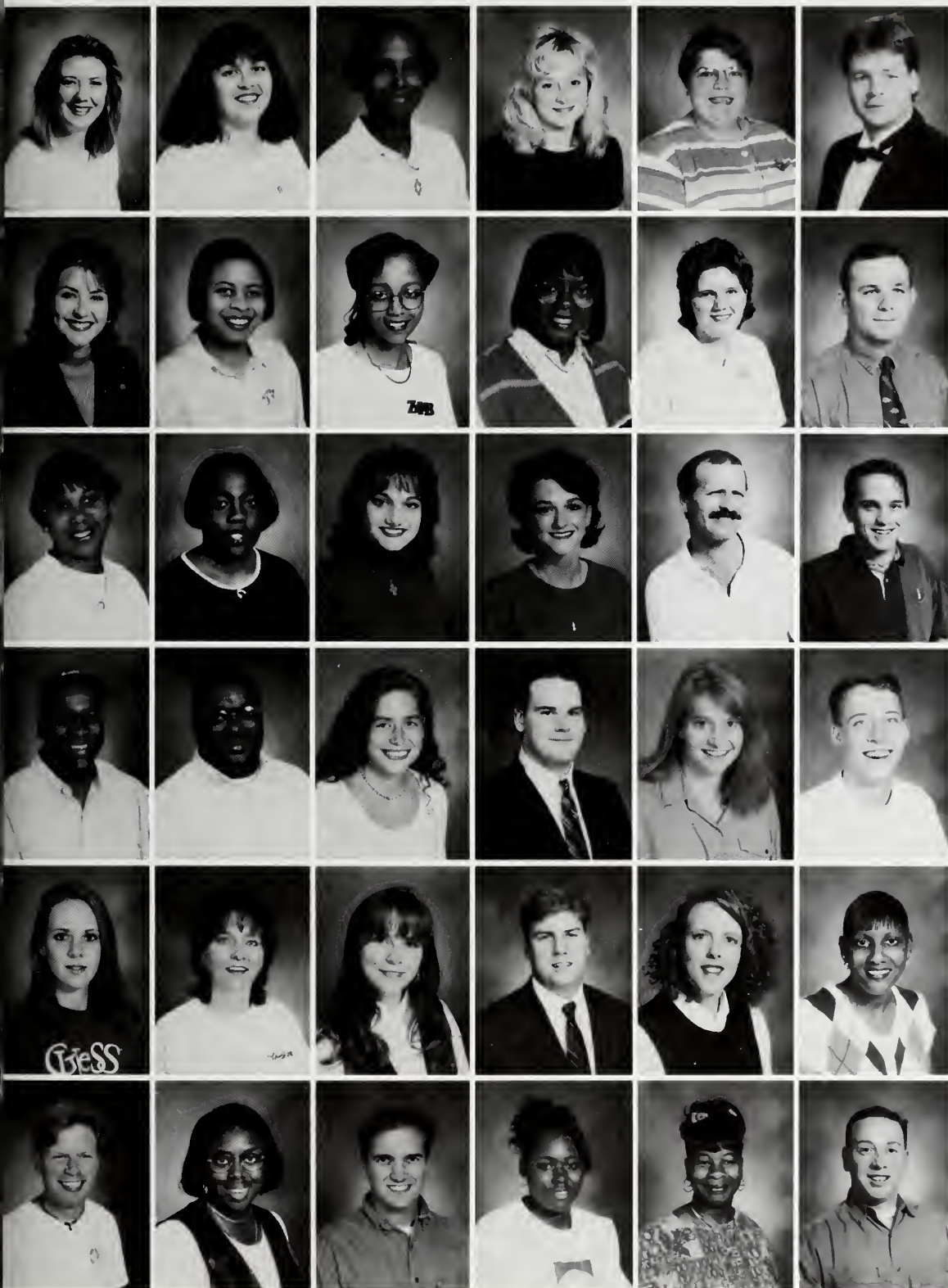
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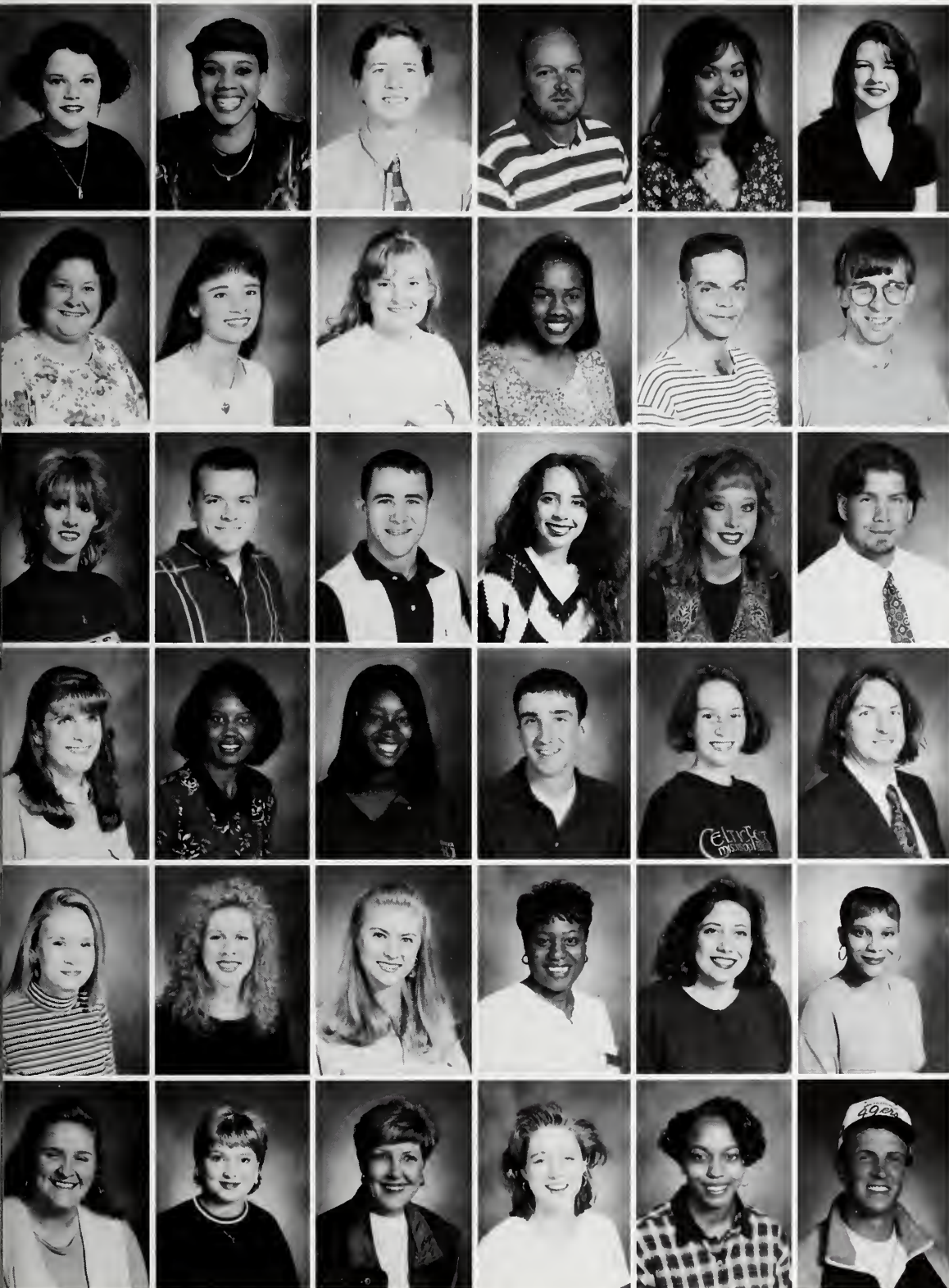
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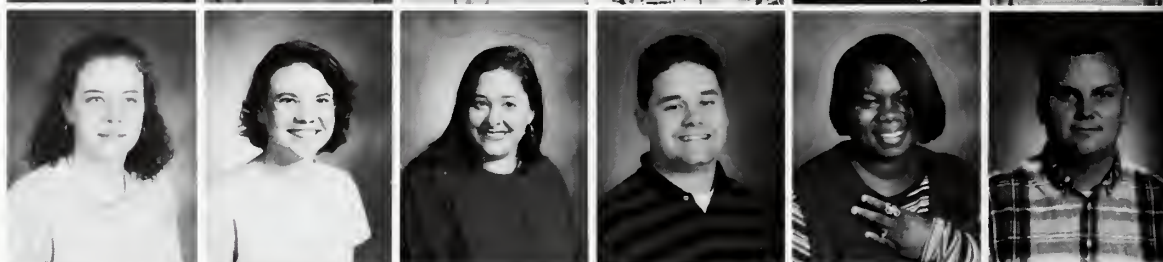
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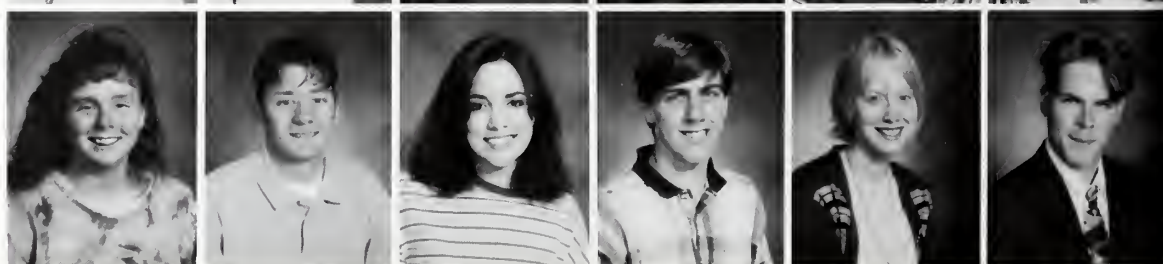
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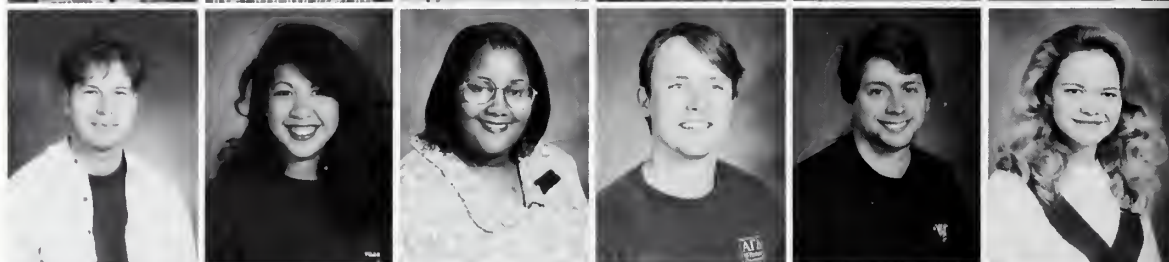
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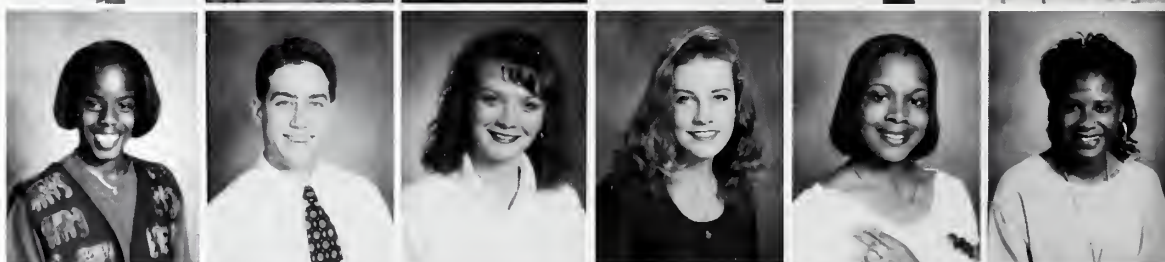
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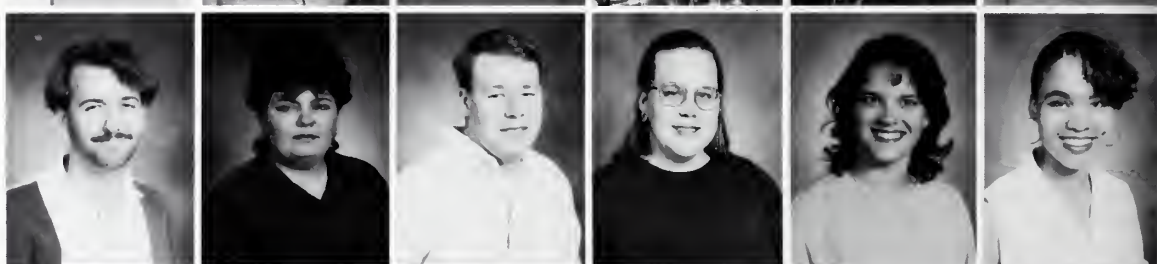
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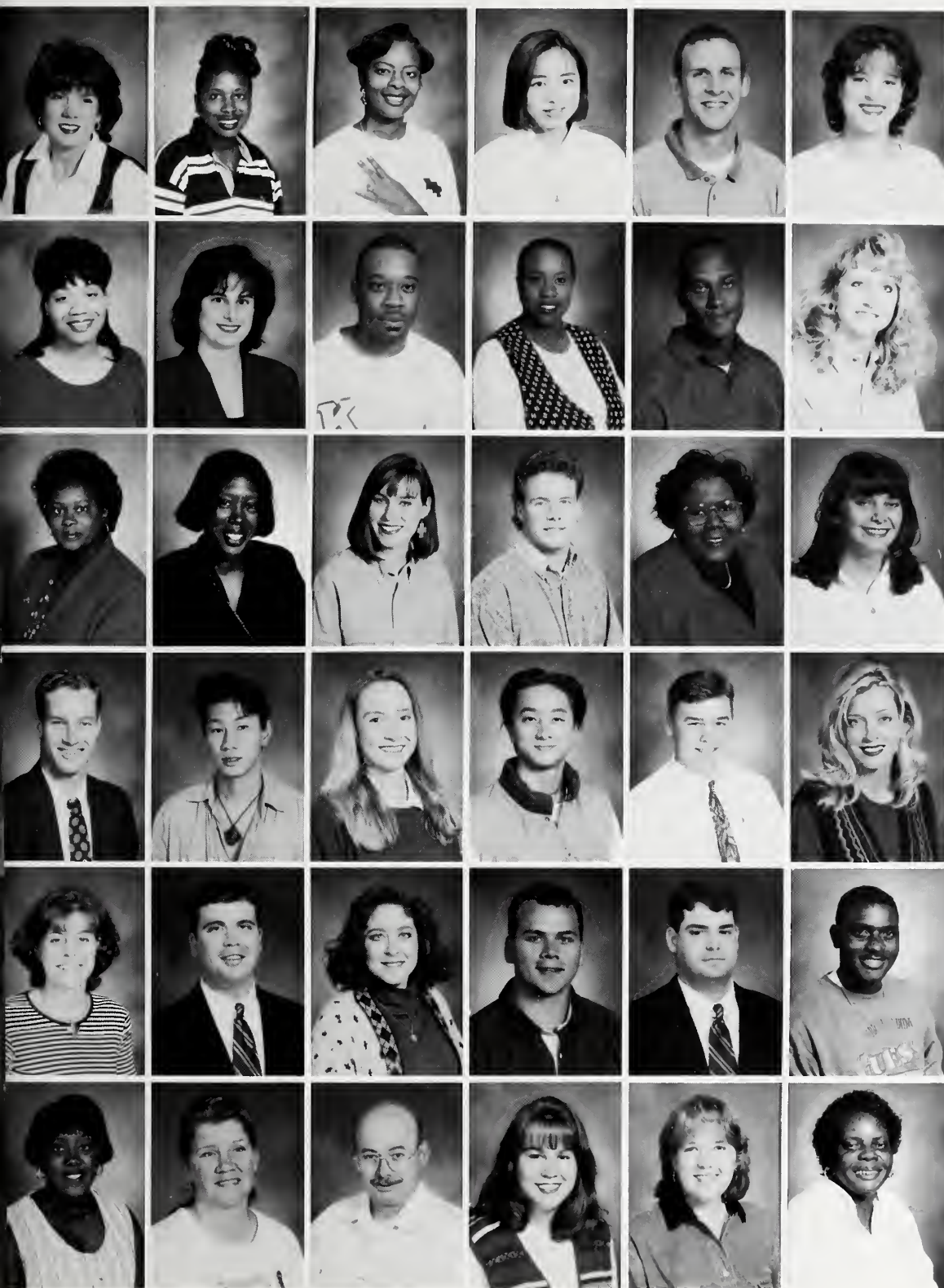
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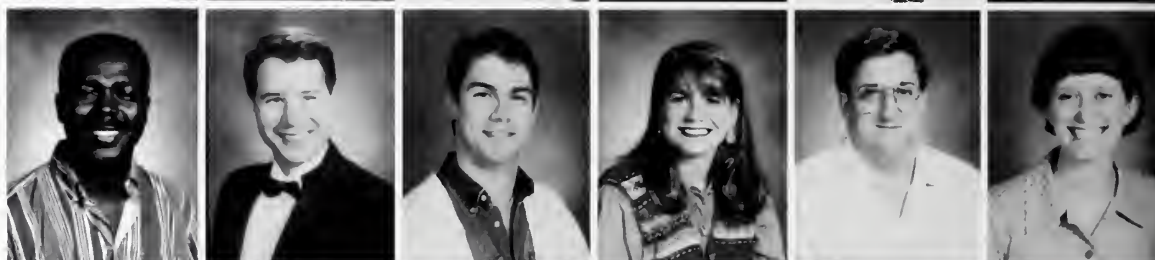
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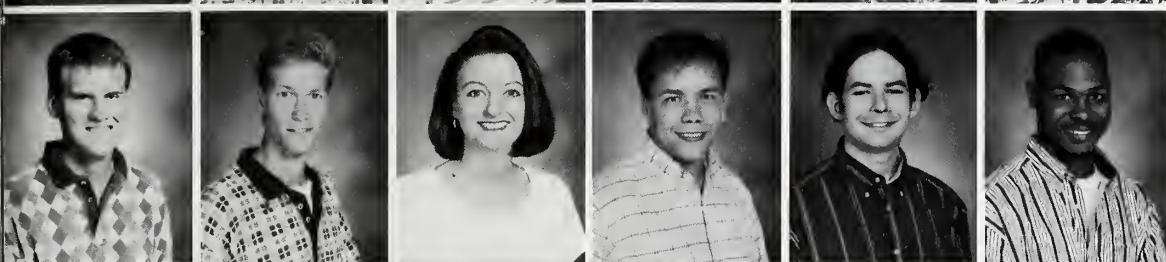
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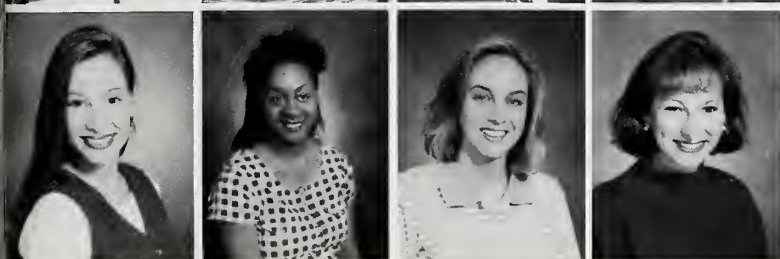
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Mark Lee

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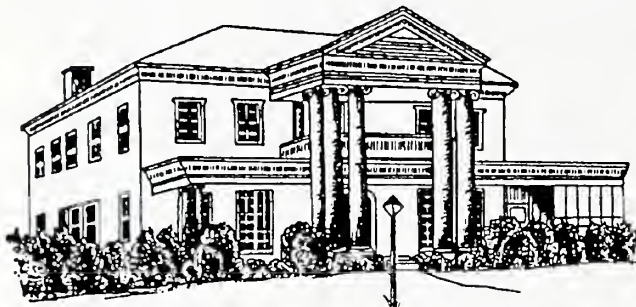




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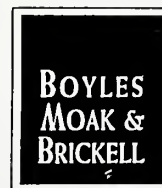
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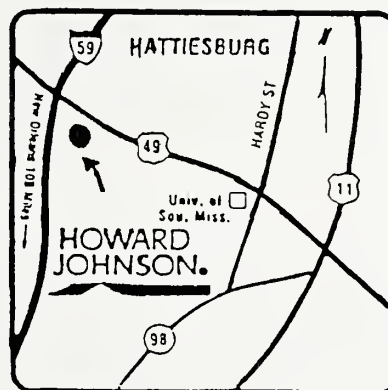
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The Dallas Cowboys won their third Superbowl title in four years by defeating the Pittsburgh Steelers 27-17 in the closest Superbowl in recent history. Dallas defensive back Larry Brown was named MVP of the game.

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Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated on November 4, 1995 by a right-wing gunman during an appearance in Tel Aviv. Rabin, 73, had been hailed as an architect of the delicate peace between the Israelis and Arabs.

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▼ *Young at Heart*

The nation and world mourned as comedian and entertainer **George Burns** died at the age of 100. Burns managed to keep millions of fans "young at heart" by cracking jokes and puffing his trademark cigar throughout his more than 90 years in show business.



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Counseling psychology graduate student **Katrice Albert** researches company catalogs in the career resource room while getting ready for the interview process.



By deciding on a career, students prove that they're

Coming of age

by Greg Lee

It's been called growing up, coming of age and seeing the light among other things. Whatever it may be called, students come to college to answer one question over all others - "What am I going to be when I grow up?" This is the decision that impacts a person's life forever.

Some students come into college with a clear picture of what they want to do with their lives. However, most aren't sure where their life is headed.

The average student changes direction at least once during their college career. For those students, the Career Planning and Placement Center is a source that can help them to find their place in society.

"The Career Planning and Placement Center is a comprehensive career office with services ranging from counseling in choosing a major to skills development to practical work experience through co-ops," said Dr. Brian Hirsch, coordinator of career planning and placement.

Some students have turned changing majors into an art form. In fact, statistics say that most college students change majors between three and five times during their college years.

"There are three areas students need to know about when looking for a career," Hirsch said. "What are they interested in, what skills do they have and most importantly, what are their values. Their values will decide where they will use their degree."

Any student who's ever had trouble deciding on a major knows

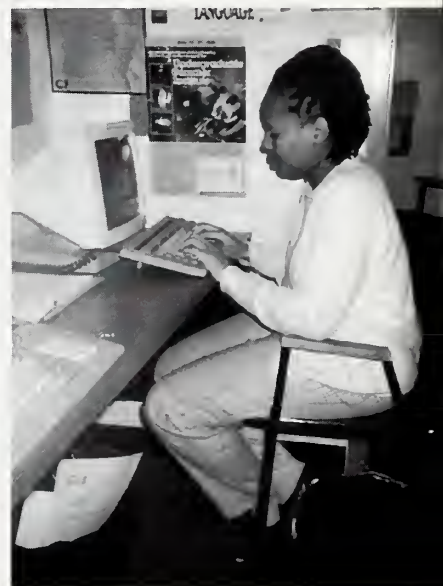
that it's not hard to spend hours looking through college catalogs in what seems like a vain effort.

Even though parents cringe to hear their kids utter those dreaded words of changing a major, most would agree that it is better to change majors while still in

college than to get a degree in a field that doesn't make them happy.

Pressure from family and friends can sometimes steer students into the wrong career, but true satisfaction only comes from making a difference and accomplishing personal goals. Finding happiness in a job is one of the keys to total well-being.

So kids who once aspired to be firefighters become accountants, potential astronauts decide to teach and make-believe nurses turn into budding journalists. In finding their niche in life, they touch others' lives and come full circle by realizing their vision.



Greg Lee

Senior Jackie Fuller, a social and rehabilitation services major, searches for job openings in her field on the job vacancy computer at the career resource center.



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Shopping gives students the opportunity to spend time together and develop friendships. Vendors flood the union with booths to catch students' attention. Chemistry major **Tanya Hill** and graphics communication major **Jenaya Neal** browse through a vendor's jewelry during their lunch break.

Indicative of most people of our generation, the television is a common denominator for **Joey Taylor** and **Tim Booth**. The big-screen TV in the Payne Center Atrium is a popular gathering spot for students.



Life lessons learned at Southern Miss help students

Piece it together

by Greg Lee

Life isn't an easy beast to tame. From the first breath a baby takes till a person's final words, the challenge is there - the challenge to figure out what life is all about. What really is the key to a happy and fruitful life?

There's not any one answer to that question. However, perhaps better than any other place, being a part of Southern Miss provides the first clues to the mystery.

Students grow into adults through making their first life decisions completely on their own. Mom and Dad aren't around to set boundaries anymore, and students are able to start deciding what social settings they want to be part of and dealing with those consequences, good or bad.

For the first time, relationships take on a new facet of students' lives. The crushes and puppy love of high school are replaced with a real need for someone to share the highs and lows of life with. The burden of deciding how far to take a relationship falls squarely on the shoulders of those people involved.

Responsibilities come to the forefront in the form of part-time jobs and bills. New financial burdens lead to the need to work in addition to studying. Perhaps for the first time, students are exposed to dealing with the public as a whole. A delicate balancing act of study, work and play begins.

Decisions that affect entire lifetimes are made. Simply looking for a job becomes choosing a career. Reasons other than money influence career decisions. Introspection becomes imperative and students, some for the first

time, face the fact that they are becoming adults.

These four facets are just part of the answer though.

Beyond beginning the search for these answers, the lessons taught open up minds to the world around them and cause more life questions to be raised.

Southern Miss is where students become their own person and find their own identity. The faculty and staff are there not to provide the answers, but to teach students the way to discover the answers themselves.

Although they may struggle at first, that struggle is a part of the learning process. No matter what, these four lessons are all pieces of the puzzle that, when put together, lead toward an answer to that elusive question.

In the end, everyone at USM is a student in the same field of study, not of biology or psychology or nursing, but of life. Everything taught in college, both in the classroom and out, is part of the combination which opens a lock to reveal a new, distinct vision—a vision of the South.



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The Hub is one of the main gathering places for students on campus. They can pick up their mail, have lunch at Seymour's or pick out a Southern Miss sweatshirt at the bookstore.



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